# Water workers threaten national strike on pay

Water workers in the General and Municipal Workers' Union are to strike nationally, with potentially graver consequences than the steel strike unless the National Water Council improves its 13 per cent pay offer. The men want rises of at least 46 per cent. Local authority manual workers in the same union yesterday accepted a 14 per cent increase.

### Union demands at least 46 per cent tion if they received the co-operation of white collar super-visory staff. Last night it was thought that this group, mainly members of the National and Local Government Officers As-sociation, would not assist them.

An emergency executive com-mittee of the GMWU will prob-ably be held next week to ratify yesterday's decision. The union

also will consult other unions representing the 11,000 other manual workers to coordinate action. The executive of the National Union of Public Employees meets on Wednesday.

At the core of the dispute is a comparability study, which shows that water workers are paid about £10 a week less than workers in the gas and electricity industries. Mr Newall said that without a commitment

from the employers to pay the 10 per cent on top of an im-proved offer on basic rates, the

He said the employers had reneged on an agreement to pay the £10 a week—an agree-

ment which the unions claim prevented widespread industrial

action last winter, although there were pockets of unofficial action, particularly in the north-

strike would go ahead.

cially from the union.

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By David Felton Labour Reporter

Leaders of 22,000 water workers called for a national water strike last night unless employers produce a higher pay

A meeting of 50 delegates of the General and Municipal Workers Union (GMWU) unanimously rejected a 13 per cent pay offer which the National Water Council has said is all it can afford. The union is demanding of the council has said is all it can afford. The union is demanding an increase of upwards of 46 per cent.

A national strike, the first ever in the industry, could start to have serious consequences within 48 hours, and the men's leader made clear that it would be impossible to protect

vital services, such as hospitals.
We are working in an industry which is vital and if the nation's sewerage system failed, or the mains water supply failed it would have serious consequences for the health of the nation. But this should not detract from the fact that the people who work in this industry should not be treated as second class citi-zens," Mr Edward Newall, national industrial organizer for the GMWU, said. Asked if essential services

could be protected, Mr Newall said: "There is no way that we can differentiate between consumers whether they are industrial, commercial users, hospitals or domestic con-

A national strike could mean troops being brought in to safeguard essential services; but they would only be able to func-



Mr Edward Newall: No way to protect vital services.

### Steel unions harden line as Acas talks falter

By Our Labour Staff

Attempts to find a basis for reopening negotiations in the national steel strike met with title success yesterday as atti-tudes of the striking unions hardened.

arcened.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) at separate meetings heard the views of the General and Municipal Workers' Union (GMWU) and the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU). While the meetings were taking place in London Mr. William place in London, Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confed-eration, said in Middlesbrough that he thought the steel workers would be on strike for at least another month. Although the men had been prepared to accept about 13 per cent "now they are talking about 20 per cent."

He added that he could have "incited" the Trades Union Congress into calling wide-spread action in support of the 100,000 men on strike.

100,000 men on strike.

Mr Sirs said that at a meeting of the TUC's nationalized industries committee on Wednesday night, both he and the chairman, Mr Frank Chapple, leader of the electricians union, had been "both responsible and restrained. We said these matters have to be discussed at greater length and that there is a procedure to go through, so we put down recommendations which prevented that action."

Accompanied by Mr Hector

Accompanied by Mr Hector Smith, general secretary of the National Union of Blastfurnacemen, Mr Sirs is due to visit Acas on Monday, but was pessimistic about the chances of finding a way to end the strike. "I am going to talk, but I do not see them being capable of doing anything. They can only talk to the corporation and persuade them to change their minds", he said. After yesterday's talks at Acas, which were described as exploratory, Mr Frank Cottam, national officer of the GMWU, said: "I think it is bogged down at the moment. We are in a Accompanied by Mr Hector

at the moment. We are in a period of attrition and either one side or the other is going to crack. That does not mean the corporation, it really means the Government.

The union's claim is for £15 The union's claim is for £15 a week on bank rates, which, with the £10, would create a new minimum of £75 a week. The employers say that the 13 per cent offer, an increase of £18m on the manual wage bill would increase average earnings by borween £11 and £13 a week. The National Water Council Reports that some steel corporation employees at the Stanton works in Derbyshire had been given a 9 per cent increase without any strings angered union leaders, who decided that the plant should be picketed.

The workers, who are mainly members of the municipal workers union, had agreed to change the settlement date for their work's annual pay review from November to next May, and had been awarded the 9 per cent increase as compensation. Reports that some steel cor-

The National Water Commoil said it could not comment because it had not heard offi-There was some small comfort for the Government yesterday Mr Roy Evans, assistant general secretary of the sneel confederation, said: "What dis-gusts us most is that the 9 per workers, who are members of the GMWU, accepted a 14 per cent pay deal, which gives rises ranging from £5.79 a week to £7.33, with extra holidays and cent was offered and accepted a doubling in shift payments.

Mr Charles Donnet, the union's national organizer for local councils, said: "Over a million council workers will benefit from this award which will be a presenter for the rest. without any strings at all. Yet here we are with almost all BSC at a standstill because the corporation will not offer nationally more than 3 per cent, which is absolutely loaded with strings. It is quite wrong." will be a pacesetter for the rest of the public services. Happily Minister in confrontation: Sir the country should now be spared a repeat of the hardships of last year's winter of dis-content." Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, feeed a demand that he should dismiss Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of

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People of Kabul free prisoners in front of Soviet troops

From Robert Fisk Kabul, Jan 11

In a Government propaganda exercise that went disastrously wrong for the new regime today, more than 1,000 screaming men and women broke into Afghanistan's largest prison in front of armed Soviet troops and smashed their way into the cell blocks to release the prisoners inside.

Thousands of Afghans-relatives of inmates, many of them in long cloaks and turbans had gathered outside the Polechowkri prison, just out-side Kabul, to witness the official release of 118 political prisoners. But, enraged that so few had been freed, the crowd burst through an Afghan Army cordon and broke open the iron gates of the prison.

The Soviet infantrymen inside appeared stunned by this unscheduled demonstration. They were in any event probably unused to seeing political prisoners being released by governments, let alone freed by hydrody of passants. hundreds of peasants.

As I was pushed through the prison gates with the crowd, a Russian soldier next to me was almost thrown off his feet. He started, transfixed by the sight, as the mob ran shouting
"Allah akhbar"—God is great
—through the outer compound
and began to climb over the
steel gates of the prison blocks.

#### Steel pipes used to break in doors

On the roof of a barrack hut, a young Soviet officer, his Kalashnikov rifle pointing at the crowd, began shouting in Russian that there were only eight people left inside the prison. But the people beneath paused only when he levelled his rifle at them, then surged on through the second newly-smashed gate. The soldier, apparently aware that he was hopelessly out-numbered, lowered his weapon.

Hundreds of other prisoners' relatives smashed the windows of the cell blocks with rocks and used steel pipes to break in the doors of the first block. Three prisoners were suddenly led into the sunlight by their bibarates middle-good men liberators, middle-aged men dazed and blinking at the snow

extraordinary events in Afghan-istan's latest revolution.

Propaganda exercise of Communist Afghan regime goes wrong outside city jail

Altogether, the Government here has released more than 2,000 political prisoners in the past three weeks, it was the first concrete act of President Babrak Karmal's new regime but there was a widespread belief among the crowd who broke into the prison this mornremain imprisoned in Afghanistan's jails.

A young man in a blue over-coat came up to me in the prison as crowds began to break in the roof of a second concrete cell block. "We want Russians to go", he said in broken English. "We want independent Afghanistan, we want independent Afghanistan, we want families released. My brother and father are here somewhere."

#### Prisoners screaming to be released

walked into the cell block there were certainly more than the eight prisoners to which the Russian officer had referred. Blankets had been laid on the stone floor by the pris-oners as the only protection against the extreme cold.

Across the compound, other prisoners waved through the bars of windows, screaming at the crowd to release them. All this while, the Russians and the Afghan guards stood watching apparently unable to control the huge crowd but un-

doubtedly aware that any bloodshed could cause irreparable damage to Mr Karmal's regime. The most notable phenomenon about this amazing prison break-in, however, were the Islamic chants from the

crowd. Several men shouted for

an Islamic revolution—some-thing the Russians have long feared in Afghanistan and in their own Muslim republics. Only in the early afternoon did Russian soldiers form a line inside the main gate with rifles lowered, apparently to prevent the hundreds of men and women from leaving. When I walked up to the line of troops with a colleague, I said do suidanva (goodbye) and two Soviet soldiers stepped smartly to one side. We walked out of to one side. We walked out of



The angry crowd bursting through the gates of the jail to free political prisoners.

### Irish police hold 25 after kidnap

Dublin police were still holding 25 people last night in connexion with the kidnapping on Thursday of a banker's wife and her two children.

two girls, Awn aged 15 and Claire aged 17, were taken from their home on Wednesday night and Mr Thomas Scully was ordered to pay £100,00 ransom.

They were forced on Thomas in the property of the pay and the pay and the property and the propert They were freed on Thursday

evening after £30,000 was left at a "drop". The police followed the man who collected the money. This led them to the homes of ar least six people, who were taken into custody.

Suspects arrested are believed to include members of the Irish National Liberation Army, which claimed responsibility for

### Threat of war if Iran blockaded

Tehran, Jan 11.—Iran and the United States will go to war if Washington tries to blockade Iranian shipping routes, Mr Reza Sadr, the Iranian Commerce Minister, said here today.

"If the American fleer blocks the mouth of the Persian Gulf, that will result in war", he told the Pare news agency. The

Washington: Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, said this morning that the United States

had not ruled out the possibility of imposing a naval blockade on that such an extreme step might be undertaken immediately. But it is an option that might be chosen if the crisis took a sudden turn for the the murder of Mr Airey Neave | worse.

viewed on television when he was asked about the possibility of a blockade. It is not a new suggestion, and America has had a large naval force available in the Indian Ocean for such purposes, since last November.

The American response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan continued today with a repetition of the suggestion that the Olympic Games might

order a blockade include a de-cision by Ayatollah Khomeini to send the American Charge d'Affaires in Tehran, Mr Bruce Laingen, to join the other hos-tages. He is now in the Iranian

be enforced, and if any of the hostages were murdered, a blockade would be the least of American reactions. Further sanctions against Iran will be undertaken as soon as the United Nations Security Council votes on the matter, whether Russia vetoes the reso-

lution or not. (The Security Council met this morning to discuss an American demand

November. that the Olympic Games might
The sort of circumstances that be moved from Moscow. The
might lead the President to idea is now thought a more sensible threat than simply trying to have the games can-celled, or boycotted. The idea of moving them was first made Laingen, to join the other hostages. He is now in the Iranian
Foreign Ministry.

If any of the hostages are put on trial, a blockade might are campaigning for the President Walter Mondale yesterday, and was repeated today by Mrs Rosalynn Carter, both of whom are campaigning for the President

dent in Iowa.
Mr Mondale said that the should not be ignored. the Costa Ri.
Tabriz stays calm, page 5 UPI and AP.

### Guerrillas seize two envoys

San Salvador, Jan 11.— Guerrillas seized the Panaman-ian Embassy this morning and took Señor David Pérez Ramos, the Ambassador, and the Costa Rican Ambassador hostage.

The guerrillas, who belong to a group called the February 28 Popular Leagues, which claims 10,000 members, demanded the release of three members of the league jailed recently in exchange for the hostages.

Police said that up guerrillas slipped into the embassy then threatened the ides was his own, not official staff with guns. It was not policy, and Mrs Carter said the same thing today. Two such important kites flown in the embassy at the time, apart from Seior Perez Ramos and Seior Alejandro Alvarado, the Costs Pieza Amparados. the Costa Rican Ambassador --

### Nkomo men killed as they refuse to disarm

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Jan 11 Seven Patriotic Front guer-

tills have been killed by Rhodesian security forces after refusing to surrender their arms and go to a designated assembly area. It was the first such incident since the ceasefire came into effect a week ago.

The shooting took place yesterday near Lupane in the west of the country. According west of the country. According to British sources, a group of 28 guerrillas belonging to Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (Zipra) gathered at Lupane shopping centre but refused to their arms to the police, as they are supposed to do after the termination of the seven-day assembly period for

guerrilla forces. Eventually 17 of them, still carrying their weapons, got on to a bus sent there by the Commonwealth monitoring force stopped shortly afterwards at a were still Pariotic Front police roadblock, and after again guerrillas who refused to

being told by the police to surrender their weapons were fired upon by the police. One guerrilla was killed

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The police then called on the Rhodesian security forces for assistance and during follow-up action six more guerrilles were killed. The remaining 10 are still being hunted. The guerrillas did not open fire on the police or the security forces. The sources said the police

had attempted to get the Com-monwealth monitoring force and Patriotic Front liaison officers to intervene but they were not available. Although it is not the monitoring force's rule to become involved in such incidents, the presence of monitoring force staff in similar situations during the past week had pre-vented shootings.

A British spokesman said the loss of life was to be regretted but such incidents were such inevitable so long as there were still Parriotic Front

Guerrillas who did not assem-ble were "unkawful." and the police and security forces were within their rights to act in the way they had.

In terms of the Lancaster House agreement Lord Soames, the Governor, is entitled to make use of the forces under his authority—that is the security forces and assembled Parriotic Front guerrilles—to help the police in maintaining

This principle, the spokes-man said, had been accepted by both the Zipra and Zanla wings of the Patriotic Front. So far Lord Soames has not called on the assistance of the guerrillas, although excusive use has been made of the Patrioric Front's commanders in implementing the ceaseire.

Despite this incident the ceasefire still seems to be holding well and there has been a marked drop in the level of law-lessness in the country. Small

groups of guerrillas are continuing to give themselves up and go (without their arms) to assembly areas. The total number of guerrillas who have now assembled is 20,860, of whom 15,240 are Zamla and the However, there are signs of

nowever, there are signs of increasing political violence in the black townships near the main cities. Last night the Salisbury home of Dr Elias Rusike, a political science lecturer at the University of Phodesis Rhodesia and a senior adviser to Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu organization, was attacked with a grenade and petrol bombs. No one was hurt. .

Zanu today alleged that Lord Soames had prevented the re-turn to Salisbury from Mozambique of an aircraft carrying more than 100 Zanu officials. This was denied by a British spokesman who said an aircraft carrying members of the organization was due to arrive on

### Second nuclear reactor is shut down at Dungeness

By Pearce Wright Science Editor The second of the two re-

actors of the Dungeness A nuclear power station was shut down yesterday for an inspec-tion for corrosion of the steel pipework of its cooling circuits. The number one retactor was closed last May after cracks were discovered during maintenance and is being repaired.

The second unit has been closed because of indications that similar flaws may be de-veloping. There is little likelibood of the station coming back into operation before the

The type of faults that have arisen in mild steel components does not pose a safety hazard. But the sbutdown will add to electricity costs.

Although small by the stan-dards of nuclear stations, the Magnox reactors at Dungeness and elsewhere were producing

the cheapest electricity being fed into the grid by last year.
The reactors at Dungeness can produce 550 megawatts of electricity, compared with 1,300 megawatts for the newer advanced gas-cooled reactors and pressurized water reactors either under construction of planned

When brought into operation
Dungeness A had cost 264m to
build. The new generation of
stations costs 15 times more to construct. Before the trouble occurred at Dungeness the cost of generating electrity from the 22 Magnox reactors in Britain was 0.76p per kilowatthour, compared with 1.42p for oil-fired plant and 1.23p for coal-fired stations.

The corrosion of mild steel structures in Magnox reactors is not a new phenomenon. I was discovered after the first of these stations was brought into operation

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### Lack of teachers threatens curriculum plan

The serious shortage of qualified teachers of mathematics, science and modern languages may jeopardize the Government's plans for a core curriculum in all schools. This was stated by Lady Young. Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, at the national education conference organized by the National Union of Teachers in London Page 3

### Help for arthritics

A single daily dose of a new drug will give relief for 24 hours to sufferers from arthritic conditions. The compound, Feldene, is said to mark a significant advance in treatment, and in the ease of its use

#### New Sadat proposal for Gaza autonomy

The Israeli Cabinet will consider tomorrow the Jarest plan of President Sadat of Egypt to offer autonomy to the Sadat of Egypt to that Gaza Strip first; an identical form of autonomy will be offered later to the West Page 4

George Meany dies

George Meany, the American trade union leader, has died aged 85. For 25 of his 57 years of trade union membership he was president of the American Federation of Labour after its merger with the Congress of Industrial Organizations Obituary, page 14

### Europe MPs ignored

A survey published in Brussels shows that for the whole of the EEC only 66 per cent of those asked could recall having heard about the European Parliament.

#### President Castro to assume more power

President Fidel Castro will take control of the military and the Ministries of the Interior, Health and Culture in a reorganization of the Cuban Government which involves nine ministers being replaced and gives greater power to the President's brother, Raul Page 4

### Jury for Kelly inquest

A jury will decide how Mr James Kelly, aged 53, a labourer, of Huyton, Merseyside, died while in police custody, Mr Ronald Lloyd, the Merseyside coroner, said. Calls for a public inquiry intensified after it was announced that no police officer involved would be prosecuted. Page 3

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intakes drawn from rivers. If a strike coincided with a period

The contingency planning community believes the Government would have to settle a

profitable'

The sale of council houses,

the central measure in the Government's Housing Bill and one of the Conservative Party's main social reforms, would yield a financial profit to both local authorities and the Ex-

chequer for at least 20 years, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-tary of State for the Environ-

He was commenting on the publication of a Department of

the Environment document which he claimed was a "most rigorous, sophisticated and

comprehensive attempt to assess the financial effects of the sale of council houses".

The minister, who ordered the appraisal to counter opposition to the policy of selling council houses, said that the 20 years

would " take us to the end of

"Beyond that the assump

sions based on them, must be still more speculative. The appraisal reinforces our view that the sale of council houses should bring appreciable bene-

therefore couclu

this century.

tions,

, said yesterday.

By Christopher Warman

Local Government

### STEEL STRIKE

### **Effects of secondary** picketing causing anxiety to industry

The main steel-consuming industries are becoming increasingly concerned about the impact of intensified secondary picketing by striking steel-workers and the threat that private sector steelmakers may be-come embroiled in the dispute. Developments in the dispute, which is now well into its second week and has halted all production at British Steel Corporation plants, are being closely monitored by senior officials at the Department of

Industry.

Evidence suggests that most users have at least three weeks' stock of steel in hand at normal operating levels. Those supplies are being kept topped up with deliveries from the stockholding trade and from private sector producers who have links with industrial customers.

The private sector accounts for about a quarter of United Kingdom steel production and has not been involved in the dispute so far, although some companies have been picketed. The independent sector is both The independent sector is born a customer and competitor of the steel corporation in certain steel products. Works have managed to maintain production, although the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation has said it will take action against companies that seek to make good shortfalls arising from the

decide next week, after discus-sions, whether their members employed by private sector companies should join the

strike. Companies are trying to spin Companies are trying to spin-out supplies for as long as pos-sible; although lay-offs have so far not taken place on a large scale, some companies have reduced the working week to conserve stocks.

Sir Richard Marsh, chairman of the British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council, has pro-tested to the Confederation and the Transport: and General

the Transport and General Workers' Union over the secon-dary picketing of certain com-panies which have no quarrel with the unions:

with the unions.

He has written to Mr
William Sirs, general secretary
of the contederation, and Mr
Mostyn (Moss) Evans, of the
transport workers, asking them
for an indication of the unions'

for an indication of the unions' attitude in general.

Chairmen of a number of nationalized industries were brought up to date on the dispute yesterday by Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the steel corporation. He explained the corporation's pay offer and its attitude towards the unions' claim at a regular meeting of the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group. The outcome of the strike may have an come of the strike may have an important bearing on pay negotiations pending in a number of other state industries.

### Threat of all-out Welsh coal strike recedes

From David Nicholson-Lord

The threat of an all-out strike in the Welsh coaffield receded yesterday after miners' leaders agreed on a compromise formula involving contingency nowers for taking industrial

unanimously at a meeting of pithead delegates and will be recommended to mass meetings of the 27,000 miners in South

The national steel strike in

the North of England presented a picture of confusion yester-

day.
At Teesside the electrical trades union called 1,200 crafts-

men out on strike and at Con-sett, co Durham, all 600 crafts-

men at the plant were laid off.
At Scumborpe the laying off
of 3,500 craftsmen continued

but the electrical union had not heard of a strike call. At Shef-

field and Rotherham no strike call had been received, but all

craftsmen were refusing to cross picket lines at BSC works.
At the privately owned firm
of Hadfields, in Sheffield,
regarded as the flashpoint of

the strike, strike committee and union officials toured the plant, examined the company's books

and generally satisfied them-

Nime arrested on

picket line

From Ronald Kershaw

Vorthern Industrial

Correspondent Sheffield

said yesterday that he would have preferred the issue to be settled quickly, "but it is bet-ter for us to proceed, with the unions going forward united, than if we in Wales are totally isolated."

isolated."

The peace proposal by the TUC's nationalized industries committee, which wants further consultations with the Government or the BSC on proposed plant closures involving in Wales an estimated loss of up to 50,000 jobs, will be the main topic at Monday's meeting.

The militant mood of the South Wales miners was made clear yesterday by Mr Williams, who said the contingency powers being sought by the leadership could involve the coalfields being called out on strike without TUC backing.

He said the corporation was

mained at the company's gates. Mr Derek Norton, Hadfields' chairman, said last night: "The

transman, said last night: The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation observers were totally satisfied with the detailed information they were allowed to see. Despite all the conciliation which has been interested by the company were

stigated by the company, we are given to understand that

secondary picketing is to con-

Mr Norton said that Hadfields' work force felt very strongly that they should be allowed to

work normally.

Convenors at the plant said

Hadfields workers had strictly

observed union policy, for which they had been abused. They will discuss the position at a meeting in Sheffield today.

From Nictrolas Timmins

Corby
Flying pickets from Corby
went to King's Lynn, Grantham and a foundry in Derbyshire yesterday as the steelworkers' attention turned
increasingly to secondary
picketing and their attitudes

clearly hardened.

At Grantham they joined pickets from Stocksbridge, Derbyshire, outside a British

Seed Corporation stockholder, John Lee, where the increasing length to which some stock-holders and customers are going

to keep steel moving was in evidence.

Mr Stanley Sheridan, of the

A 'Grunwick-type protest'

tinue."

### Police must be neutral, says Home Secretary

Political Correspondent

Emphasizing the neutrality and independence of the police in the sensitive task they had to face in dealing with strikes and picketing. Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, the transferred to the last night referred to the special difficulties they faced in the steel dispute.

In the steel dispute.

He said that it was not, in general, the concern of the police to say who might or who might not picket, or where, but when public order was threatened, for example by excessive numbers, the police might have a proper concern about the behaviour of pickets.

If those who wished to go to work were prevented from doing so by pickets obstructing the public highway, then the duty of the police was clear to uphold the criminal law and so enable such people to go to their place of work.

He said that the shared

He said that the shared responsibilities of the Home Secretary, the local police authorities and the chief officers of police had given Britain a police service which of wet weather, sewage storage tanks would fill that much quicker and untreated effluent would be discharged into rivers. was independent of political control yet accountable for its efficiency and integrity to the local communities which each force served and which accepted central support and guidance without enduring Council sale guidance without enduring central direction and control. of homes

"Today", Mr Whitelaw said, "some forces are having to cope with the situation created by the steel industry dispute. Their task of preserving public order and upholding the criminal law while retaining the confidence of all sections of the community is ing the confidence of all sections of the community is especially difficult to discharge in a situation such as this."

Addressing the Carlisle Magistrates' Forum in Carlisle, Mr Whitelaw said the best help the Covernment could give was

the Government could give was to be clear about what the police could do and what they could not and should not do, in the context of industrial dis-putes. He continued: First, the police have a duty to

ment or the BSC on proposed plant closures involving in the 27,000 miners in South Wales over the weekend.

If, as seems certain, it is backed by the membership, the Nstional Union of Mineworkers will press for a strike from Janusary 21 at Mooday's meeting of the Welsh TUC's steel and coal committee.

However, Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales area president of the NUM, said after the meeting that the miners would shide by the majority decision of the Welsh TUC. That appears likely to favour deferring action against the British Steel Corporation's plants for plant reductions and imports of foreign coal, in line with the policy agreed nationally by the TUC on Thursday.

Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Welsh TUC,

There would be no written

"When we set out, our basic

intention was to spell it out to the Government what a steel strike meent to Britain.

and the only way to bring it

At Templeborough Rolling Mills, a company jointly owned by BSC and the private sec-tor, Mr Clive Morgan, acting general manager, said some 300 men were being laid off.

fits, not only to council tenants, but to the community as a whole." The appraisal uses a range of assumptions, including varia-tions on inflation, the rise in Confusion on electricians' 'strike' earnings, interest rates and rent increases, but takes £14,000 as the national average price of a house in 1980-81. With a 40 per selves that Hadfields was not strike committee, said that handling BSC orders or doing there was "no way the strike anything to undermine the committee was going to take strike. However, pickets rethe pickets off Hadfields". cent discount, the disposal price would be £8,400.

In the 20-year appraisal, the profits for local authorities and the Exchequer are yielded on all the assumptions. The range is roughly £130-£7,000 for each dispensations for firms in the private sector, although pickets might be withdrawn and imposed again.

The uncertainty of assess ments is more marked in the 50-year appraisal. The Exchequer makes a profit on most of the assumptions, while local authorities sometimes lose as to the Government's notice is by picketing", he said.

About 200 pickets are to be maintained at Birmingham to picket British Leyland works. A group of 50 will travel to Dover to picket Dover docks. much as £6,000 on each house. Appraisal of the Financial Effects of Council House Sales (Department of the Environment, £1.20).

#### Inquiry on police must go on, Mr Rees says By Our Crime Reporter

Operation Countryman, the investigation into police corruption in London, must be ruption in London, must be allowed to run its coudse whatever he cost in time or money, Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Home Secretary, said last night. Speaking on London Weekend Television's London Programme. Mr Rees, who initiated the investigation in 1978, said that the allegations involved had to be taken seriously. Mr Leonard Burt, deputy chief constable of Dorset and head of

had to be taken seriously. Mr
Leonard Burt, deputy chief constable of Dorset and head of
the operation, had "every right
to pursue it in whatever depth
and whatever length that he
requires, and it would be wrong
of anybody to stop him".

Eighty officers from forces
outside London are taking part
in the investigation, which is
examining allegation involving
three big robberies and of
policemen arranging charges
against innocent men, dropping
charges against others and aiding criminals.

Mr Frank Williamson, who as
a senier police officer investigated ellegations arising from a
report in The Times, said on
the programme that in the past
criminals had not always been
happy to work with the Metropolitan Police anti-corruption
branch because of "less
thorough inquiries" into these
allegations.

Mr James Saunders, a London

thorough inquiries" into these allegations.

Mr James Saunders, a London solicitor who has represented a number of criminals who have spoken to Countryman officers, was interviewed and said: "A lot of people who knew what was going on felt we were getting into a Chicago situation in London, and something had to be done."

He also claimed that people who had spoken to Countyman had subsequently been arrested for offences they deny, by

for offences they deny, by officers from the same squad or station and on whom they had given information.

Contingency plan ready to face water strike national water strike very quickly. Even with all 15,000 Servicemen deployed, the forces would be stretched thirty across the country and the risks would remain event. The Civil Contingencies Unit of the Cabinet Office has

15,000 Servicemen will go into action to keep health hazards at bay

prepared a plan to maintain a limited water supply to essential consumers and to keep health hazards at bay in the across the country and the risks would remain great.

The planners have no direct experience to guide them, but they estimate that a walkour of supervisory staff in just one large conurbation could tip the scales into unmangeability. The Royal Engineers have enough pumps only to keep one waterside city going should water authority equipment break down. event of a national water strike. It would require the declaratron of a state of emergency, under the Emergency Powers-Act, 1920, as the Army would have to requisition water authority equipment, and the deployment of up to 15,000. No British Government has

It is hoped that strikers ever had to deal with a water strike on a national scale. After would cut off supplies to in-dustry first while allowing a minimal domestic service to be maintained, with chlorine, the essential disinfectant for drinkstrike on a national scale. After electricity supply, water is the most worrying contingency the planners have to face. Their plan is totally dependent on supervisory staff staying in able water, moving freely through picker lines. Chlorina-tion is the breaking point. The industry sets great store by paragraph 30.2 of the 1977 national agreement, which their posts to work alongside troops once manual workers are out, as the Forces cannot cope out, as the Forces cannot cope on their own.
Within 48 hours of manual workers striking, health hazards could become a danger. The most instantly vulnerable points are sewage treatment plants upstream of water supply intelled december 15 national agreement, The water service is essential to

the water service is essential to the public and it is agreed by both sides that every effort shall be made to avoid any industrial action which would prejudice public health and public safety and ensure that in the event of industrial action every effort should be made to avoid harm to the health of consumers. The Civil Contingencies Unit plan, updated last year when local trouble in the North-west and Yorkshire regions threat-

Vietnamese bride:

Hue Minh, aged 26, a nurse,

one of the first "boat people" to arrive in England from

Vietnam, after her marriage

yesterday at Fareham Regi-ster office, Hampshire, to Mr

Paul Rushton, superinten-

dent of the reception centre

Blunt confession

A number of civil servants were moved from jobs which

might bring them into sensitive areas because of information

provided by Professor Blunt in 1954 when he admitted his role as a "talent spotter" at Cam-bridge and a spy during the last war for the Russians.

According to a senior intelligence source this week, the information provided was not strong enough for any legal action to be brought but sufficient for the intelligence services not to take any chances with certain people.

Neither the Government nor Professor Blunt have been pre-

pared to reveal the results of the information provided when the professor was given im-munity early in 1964.

TV films planned: Thames Television announced yesterday that they had secured the ex-

clusive world television rights to Andrew Boyle's book, The . of Treason, which led to

Professor Blunt's public expo-

sure as a Soviet spy (Kenneth Gosling writes).

The book is to be dramatized

and filmed as a series for the independent television network

implicated

other people

By Stewart Tendler

ened to spill over into a national tion the normal household can dispute, involves men from all undertake with ease. three Services, with technicians from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and the Royal Navy and thlorine ex-perts from the Royal Engineers

the most vital.

It specifies the use of 3,000 technicians, 2,200 drivers and 5,000 general duties men. With control and command staff added, the complement of men added, the complement of men reaches 15,000, very close to the upper limit of troops available for what Queen's Regulations call "Military aid to the civil ministries" without seriously jeopardizing Nato and Northern Ireland commitments. Chlorination will be the Services first priority in water authority treatment plants. In addition, mobile treatment units will be deployed consisting of a Land-Rover, a driver, an electrician and a chlorine expert. Army lorries with 400-gallon water tanks in the back and a 200-gallon trailer in tow will move into areas where supplies have become

where supplies have become seriously contaminated. In terms of health hazard, the greatest worry is back-siphonage of sewage and industrial waste into the mains water supply. Metallic contaminates cannot be dealt with by the simple expedient of boiling the affected water. It needs to be distilled to separate it from such impurities, not an opera-

The most common disorder resulting from seriously con-reminated water supplies would be diarrhoea. Salmonella would be another relatively common danger. The risk of typhoid would be about one in 750,000, and cholera lower still.

and cholera lower still.

The quality of water will swiftly be affected by industrial action even if supplies trickle on and disease is kept at bay. To eke out the time before filters at treatment plants become blocked, the authorities will hold back floculants normally added to assist in the coagulation of assist in the coagulation of

Supplies will be discoloured but not dengerous, though householders would be advised to boil water as a precaution. If a strike coincides with cold weather, supplies, as they did in the North-west last winter, could be disrupted by burst mains caused by frosts.

The greatest ally of the Government in achieving a quick settlement would be the inevitable public opprobrium that would greet the strikers should public health be at risk. Public disapproval is the greatest restraint on the formidable industrial power of water supply employees whose family, rela-tives and neighbours cannot insulate themselves from the effect of strike action.

### **Authorities** confident of keeping up supplies

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By Craig Seton The National Water Council and regional water authorities are not unduly worried about the potential effect on water supplies and sewage treatment of a strike by the industry's workers.

The council said yesterday that the system was based on a combination of chemical treatment and distribution by pump-ing, using a great deal of automatic equipment.
"We are not talking about

something happening overnight.
It would be some considerable time before there was a wide-spread effect. We are not talking about electricity, where someone throws a switch and everything goes off," the council

People in the North-west had got through the difficulties created by an unofficial strike by water workers in the region last winter, the council said.

In fact, that region's water authority recommended that all drinking water be boiled, and advised people to forgo baths and leave their cars unwashed. Taps ran dry in several thousand homes.

The council said difficulties could arise when equipment

broke down and repairs were not carried out. Then there

not carried out. Then there could be a progressive degradation of the system.

The Thames Water Authority, which employs about 7,000 manual workers, said it was the intention to maintain services during any strike. There was a contingency plan for such an emergency.

London had endured a sawerage workers' strike in 1972 and

the authority had managed to carry on, "We would reckon to for how long. The contingency plan is not tried and tested, but we believe it will work." A strike could affect the North-west particularly, About 3,500 miles of the region's sewers are more than a century

#### Short qualifies for chess master title

From Harry Golombek . Chess Correspondent

Nigel Short, aged 14, qualified Nigel Short, aged 14, qualitied for the international master title, a remarkable achievement for a player of his age, in the ICL Hastings grandmaster chess tournament yesterday, when Andersson announced his resignation of an adjourned game in round 12, leaving Short with 71 points.

71 points.
Andersson drew a brief game in round 13 with Makarychev. Nunn drew an even briefer game with Lein, but the short-est draw of all was that between Bellin and Short, in

11. moves.

Mestel wildly sacrificed material against Georgadze and never looked like saving the

Biyiasas was a pawn up against Zilber with the better game for some time, but his position deteriorated towards the end of the session

Results in round 13:

### British Airways hopeful of normal services soon By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

at Gosport where she and her family went to live. When her parents, three sisters and a brother left Gosport to live in Birming-No long-distance services will ham, she remained to work

> Middle East. They are: two to Jersey, two to Paris, two to Frankfurt, and one each to Leeds/Bradford, Rome, Dubai, Cologne, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Monich, Helsinki, Geneva and Dussel-

In addition, some flights to Jersey and Cuernsey that would

A similar number of short and medium-distance services were their tasks being taken over by cancelled by British Airways less skilled labour.

# yesterday, and six long-haul flights. Among the latter were two services from London to New York.

British Airways plans to cancel 16 round-trip flights today because of the engineer-ing workers pay dispute that has disrupted its services this

lations are to flights within Britain, to Europe or to the

normally leave from London will be transferred to Southampton.

The strike by engineers is due to end today and the airline

management expressed optimism yesterday that services will be back to normal by tomorrow, even though an overtime ban

At a meeting on Monday of Ar a meeting on mornay of the British Airways national sectional panel, on which both sides sit, recommendations that could lead to a settlement will be considered. The dispute involves 8,500

engineers and maintenance employees from eight unions. They are pursuing a claim for a 25 per cent pay rise, and have rejected an offer of 17 per cent on the ground that it is linked to a productivity deal. The engineers contend that the deal would mean some of

Sun rises : Sun sets : 8.2 am 4.17 pm

Moon rises : Moon sets :

3.7 am

Lighting up : 4.47 pm to 7.31 am.

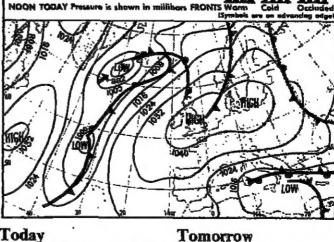
Aganda water: London Bridge, 9.29 am, 5.6m; 10.6 pm, 5.9m. Avonmouth, 2.20 am, 9.7m; 2.52 pm, 10.0m; Dover, 6.59 am, 5.4m; 7.44 pm, 5.4m. Hull, 1.35 am, 5.8m; 2.32 pm, 5.9m, Liverpool, 7.10 am, 7.4m; 7.35 pm, 7.5m. 1 Foot=0.3048m. 1m=3.2808ft.

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### Weather forecast and recordings



Sea passages: S North Sea, Strair of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind E to NE, moderate, occasionally fresh; sea mainly St George's Chapnel, Irish Sea: Wind variable, mainly S, light;

Yesterday

Loudon: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 4°C (33°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 31 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sub, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sub, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sar. mean sea lovel, 6 pm, 1,040.5 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



### at Scottish yard From Ronald Faux Nine pickets were arrested

yesterday accused of obstructing a lorry outside a steel stockholder's yard at Gowkthrapple, near Motherwell. The lorry was attempting to enter the Watson-Towers yard

The union said there was no violence and no one was injured. The steel strike in Scotland, which has been notable for sporadic picketing, will get more severe next week.

Mass pickets of Leith and Grangemouth docks, on the Forth, are to be imposed. This is simed at preventing the deliv-Grangemouth docks, on the Forth, are to be imposed. This is aimed at preventing the delivery of 3,000 tons of steel which the strike committee in Scotland believes the British Steel Corporation is attempting to reimport from Rotterdam.

Pickets will also be sent to the Highlands Fabricators yard at Nigg, on the Cromarty Firth.

# Call for dismissal of Sir Charles

Continued from page 1 the British Steel Corporation, when he visited Birmingham vesterday and had his first confrontation with steel trade unionists since the strike started (John Winder writes from Birmingham) started (John Wind from Birmingham) Sir Keith met representatives of the West Midlands regional TUC and was asked by Mr Roy Bishop, Midlands divisional officer of the Iron and Steel

his leadership would break even by March, 1980. "I told him that he should appoint a new chairman with a continuing commitment by the Government that it will fund the revenue losses of the corporation to allow it to get back on an even keel, as it was doing until funding of revenue losses was stopped", Mr Bishop said. Later at a press conference Trades Confederation, to remove Sir Charles on the ground that he would clearly now not meet the commitment he had I think that he and his board facturing terms.

made that the corporation under are coping with a set of in-his leadership would break even herited problems in the way best suited to the national in-terest, the taxpayers' interest and the interest of the steel-workers themselves", he said. Asked about the possibility of government intervention to get the sides back together, because the prospects of a pro-longed strike were so dire, Sir Keith said: "It is because that point of view has always prevailed, practically since the Second World War, that we are in relative decline in manu-

faces stockholders A number of smaller trucks, some clearly overloaded, also left the yard, as did a few small trailers pulled by tractors, driven, the pickets said, by people claiming to be local farmers.

The pickets, however, succeeded in turning some lorries away. Mr Michael Skelton, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation strike coordinator at Corby, said there would be a "Grunwick-type picket" on the plant on Monday, with 50

pickets. He said he had also asked for reinforcements: "It is a BSC stockholder and should not be moving steel. Our ISTC mem-bers are on strike in sympathy there and are being backed by the Transport and General Workers' Union."

The Corby steelworkers plan to step up flying pickets next week now that the 1,800 engineering members at the steel works have joined the strike.

Former IRA man should stay in

US, judge says
San Francisco, Jan 11.—Peter McMullen, a former IRA activist, should be granted political asylum in the United States, Judge Chester Sipkin has said in the immigration court. He ruled that Mr McMullen, who was born in Belfast, was not subject to deportation to the Irish republic, the country chosen to receive him by the United States immigration service. Mr McMullen bolds both Irish and British citizenship.

An immigration service offi-An immigration service offi-cial said later that the ruling An immigration service official said later that the ruling was subject to review and appeal. Officials would study the possibility of having Mr McMulen deported to Britain or elsewhere. The service sought his deportation because he entered the United States illegally in April, 1978.

"The Provisional IRA is a terrorist organization", Judge Sipkin wrote in a ninepage decision. "The government of the Republic of Ireland is unable to control its activities,

unable to control its activities, and McMulien would suffer persecution at its hands if he were repairiated."—Reuter.

Today Sun rises : Sun sets : 4.15 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : New moon : January 17. 12.30 pm New moon: January 17, Lighting up: 4.45 pm to 7.32 am, High Water: London Bridge, 8.19 am, 5.6m; 9.3 pm. 5.8m. Avon-mouth, 1.5 am, 9.6m; 1.34 pm, 9.8m. Dover, 5.53 am, 5.4m; 6.39 pm, 5.2m. Hull, 12.15 am, 5.8m; 1.23 pm, 5.7m. Liverpool, 6.2 am, 7.2m; 6.24 pm, 7.3m.

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Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, Central S, and N, NE, E
England, Midlands, Edinburgh and Dundee, Glasgow: Widespread freezing fog, persisting in places, but also some bright intervals; wind light and variable; max temp 2°C (36°F).

SE England, East Anglia: Mostly cloudy, some fog patches, wintry showers near E coasts; wind mainly E, light; max temp 2°C (36°F).

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# HOME NEWS\_

### Shortage of qualified teachers threatens core curriculum plan

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By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent The Government's plans for a core curriculum in all schools could be jeopardized by the serious shortage of qualified teachers of mathematics, science and modern languages, Lady Young, Minister of State at the Department of Education and

Science, admitted yesterday.
Speaking at the national education conference in London entine mess est organized by the National Union of Teachers, Lady Young said that the Government's 1977 survey of secondary school teachers had shown, for example, that 16 per cent of mathematics was being taught by 12,500 teachers with no qualification in the subject.

Yet 38 per cent of those with a qualification in mathematics were not teaching it. The Government was carrying out a further analysis of the 1977 survey data to discover the extent to which shortages might be overcome by sensible redeployment be overcome by sensible redeployment
As an interim measure, the

Government was continuing its special one-year courses to teachers, and support mature Teacher-training students in certain shortage subjects. The schemes had already increased the supply of teachers in those subjects by nearly 1,600 over

the past two years.
But that could never provide
a complete answer. In the long
term sufficient school-leavers of

the right quality must be attracted into teacher training specializing in the shortage subjects. It was not just a question of getting institutions to offer more courses; the courses on offer were not being

"We must break the vicious circle of 100 few teachers leading to too few pupils pursuing the subjects to the right level to supply higher education and, consequently, too few teachers being produced ", she said.

Latest figures for applications to next year's Bachelor of Education and Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) courses show that the shortage of teachers of mathe-matics, science, modern languages and craft, design and tech nology will continue to get worse.
For the BEd secondary school

course there are only 191 candidates for mathematics, 131 for French, five for German, 11 for reneth, five for German, 11 for chemistry, and 10 for physics, For the FGCE course there are 448 candidates in mathematics, 223 in chemistry and 146 in physics, all down on last year, and 1.230 in modern languages, which is about the same as last year. same as last year.

Overall applications to the

BEd course, which supplies about half the total number of new teachers, are 28 per cent down on the same time last year, and applications to the PGCE course are 2 per cent



The new face of Auchinstarry quarry, Kilsyth, central Scotland, which was turned into a recreational area and won an award from the Association of Landscape Contractors of America. The restoration of the area cost £141,000.

### Ulster talks run into new trouble

From Christopher Thomas

Belfast
The Government's political
initiative on Northern Ireland ran into further trouble last night over the key question whether the Roman Catholics should be allowed to introduce the so-called Irish dimension at the Stormont constitutional con-

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, met Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to tell him that his party would not be at the parallel talks that the Govern-ment hoped to establish to take the tension off the main con-

promote discussion at the separate talks on security, the economy and the European Economic Community, all of which could be broadened into an all-Ireland context and thus satisfy Catholic demands.

Mr Paisley rejected the parallel talks as a sideshow, adding:

"This is a ploy by the Secretary of State so that the Social Democratic and Labour Party will be enabled to discuss things

The SDLP say that unless the Irish dimension can be raised there will be no point in taking part, since Irish unity in the loog term is a central plank of central point.

party policy.

The SDLP appears to be happy with the idea of a "second conference", which could allow the main forum to discuss less sensitive matters on which agreement might be possible. The Official Unionist eaders, who are boycotting the

leaders, who are boycoming the main conference, are not interested either in extending any perallel talks.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, told East Belfast Unionist Association less night that the Government's initiative could not fulfill the hones so recklessly raised. the hopes so recklessly raised

#### Club 'attracted men like moths to a flame

Men from the Middle East, sometimes called free spenders, were attracted like moths to a flame to two West End clubs flame to two West End clubs where prostitutes operated, Mr Michael Kempster, QC, for the prosecution, alleged at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London, yesterday.

The clubs, Churchills in New Bond Street and the 21 Club, nearby, provided a base for about 40 prostitutes to work from he added.

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The owners, Harry Meadows, aged 59, of Chesterfield Gardens.

But his son, Andrew Maxwell Meadows, aged 34, of Queen Street, both Westminster, are jointly charged with living on prostitution between September 1, 1975, and November 2, 1977.

Salvator Vella, aged 50, former head waiter at Churchills,

mer head waiter at Churchills, of St John's Wood, London, is charged with living on prostitution between November 21, 1974, and April 1, 1977, All three pleaded not guilty.

Mr Kempster said the appeal

of the clubs lay in the provision, deliberately and intently by the accused, for customers to be introduced on the premises 10 prostitutes or to girls who were liable to be corrupted and become prostitutes. The prostitutes provided both motivation and stimulation for customers to spend freely

"Reciprocally, the three accused provided the prostitutes with facilities for meeting customers whose desire in course they could exploit for

reward." Counsel said that if female company was sought or enjoyed at the 21 Club the customer would pay a fee of £10, either in cash to a girl or it would go on the bill and would be given to the girl later.

If a man wanted to take a hostess to an hotel, the girl demanded at least £50, he con-

trial continues on Monday.

### M5 rapist 'becoming more brutal' Drug gives

A police hunt involving sbire. The victim was a widow, detectives from eight forces is aged 71, whose husband had under way for the attacker died only three weeks earlier. She was dragged from her bed thought to have struck at least 16 times. His victims have ranged from a schoolgirl of 15 to a widow aged 71.

The police say the attacker is becoming more brutal with each attack and they are concerned that if he is not caught soon he might murder one of his

The hunt for the rapist began in 1974 when he claimed his first victim at Weston-super-mare, Somerset, Most of the attacks since then have taken place close to the M5, but this week detectives have linked him with a number of other attacks. . The police have disclosed that the man struck four days before Christmas, near Newbury, Berk-

From Arthur Osman

yesterday.

Two district general hospitals

to serve new towns in the Mid-lands are to be built over the

next 10 years, starting in about

Regional Health Authority said

They will be at Telford, Salop, and Redditch-Bromsgrove, Here-

ford and Worcester. There has been intense local controversy

for some years over their siting.

Apley Castle and negotiations

or purchasing the site are at an

advanced stage. An original site was abandoned because of con-flict with Telford Development

Corporation over an adjoining

industrial development,

Telford's will be built at

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His latest victim was a schoolgirl, aged 15, who was attacked at Dorchester on January 2.

The hunt is being coordinated from a special police incident room at Nailsea, near Bristol, under the control of Det Chief Inspector Donald Taylor, of Avon and Somerset police. The police said from there yesterday that there were certain factors linking the attacks.

"There is a possibility that the number of victims is in excess of 16. It may be that some cases have never been reported to us." The rapist boasted to his victim in Berk-shire: "I have done this 20

about £17m. Further development, costing £4m, would be spread over 1985-86 and 1988-

The other hospital will be in

the Woodrow area of Redditch new town, on a site purchased some time ago. It will serve 130,000 in the Redditch-Broms-

grove area. Its tentative starting date will also be 1983-84, with

aged 71, whose husband had died only three weeks earlier. She was dragged from her bed attacks have taken place close to motorways and in the victims'

One theory being considered by the police is that the rapist is a lorry driver or commercial is a lorry driver or commercial traveller who lives in the West Country. They have few clues to his identity because he has been described only as being aged 30 to 35, 5ft 6in to 5ft 8in tall, of slight build with "mousey-coloured" hair and no obvious accent.

The police said: "We would like to hear from any person with any information, Calls will be treated in strict confidence

be treated in strict confidence and the caller may remain anonymous". People with in-formation are asked to get in touch with the incident room, telephone number Nailsea 7646.

#### Two hospitals for Midlands | Marriage lasted as long as the reception Telford's tentative starting date was given as 1983-84 with the first phase estimated to cost

Married life for Teresa Wig-nall, aged 16, lasted only as long as the wedding reception, it was stated in the Family Division of the High Court yesterday.

left, to go to work on a night shift as an hotel chef. He never returned to live with her

the provisional cost estimated at £14m. No date has been fixed husband, now aged 25, to con-summate their marriage. Full details of the develop-After yesterday's undefended hearing, which Mr Wignall did ments were not given last night, but it was thought both would have about 700 beds, including maternity, geriatric, accident

After the guests left, her bridegroom, Eric, aged 21, also

The judge granted Mrs Wignall, now aged 20, of Hazelwood Crescent, North Kensington, London, a decree nisi of nullity because of the refusal of her

not arrend, Mrs Wignell said: "We had known each other for two years, since I was 14

### relief from arthritis

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent A new drug, a single dose of which will give relief to sufferers from arthritic conditions for a day, was announced by Pfizer, of Sandwich, Kent,

esterday. The compound, Feldene, developed by 15 years of research initiated by a British doctor, is the first non-steroidel anti-inflammatory agent for 10 years and, it is claimed, marks a significant advance in the treatment of conditions from which about two thirds of the population suffer during their

lives.
Distribution of the drug has begun. Its cost to the National Health Service will be 30p a day for each patient.
Dr Edward Huskisson,

therapeutic management of arthritis and a senior lecturer at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, said the new drug was significant largely because k was convenient; instead of patients having to take a dozen or more tablets a day and carry or more tablets a day and carry a bottle to work, one dose a

day was sufficient. overer of the new chemical class known as oxicams, is Dr Edward Wise-man, of Portsmouth, who did

his research in America.

In a study of patients with osteoarthritis, the most common form of rheumatism, in eight countries, 70 to 80 per cent of the 1,218 sufferers had marked or moderate improvement from

treatment with Feldene.

The drugs had also been found to be effective in the treatment of scute gout and of ankylosing spondylitis, inflammation of joints of the spine

### Measures for 'quango cull' may be severe

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

Government measures to prune severely the number of quasi-autonomous non-govern-ment organizations (Quangos) are expected to be announced

It is understood that Sir Leo Pliatzky, a former permanent secretary at the Department of Trade, who was retained in the Civil Service after his retirement by Mrs Margaret That-cher to carry out a thorough examination of quangos, has now completed his report and it has been sent to the Prime Minister.

A number of quangos have already been scrapped by the Department of Health and Social Security and the Department of the Environ-

ment, but a more rigorous exercise is expected.

Mr Phillip Holland, Conservative MP for Carlton, who has reputation for being a quango-chaser, said last night that while he welcomed the action already taken be did not expect a total conflagration quangos.

but there was a strong vested interest in maintaining the status quo, he told the North-wich Conservative Association. "Those great beneficiaries of quangocracy, the trade unions and the academics of the left, are beginning to fight back. They must be repulsed."

Mr Holland, speaking about what he called "the quango cull" said that he had reso lutely resisted the temptation to be specific about naming his candidates for extinction. That was for the decision of the ministers responsible for appointments
Mr Holland said he had
listed 1,300 advisory bodies. If

any were providing technical information that was not available from any other sources there might well be a case for retaining and strengthening them. But there could be no case for bodies that merely

duplicated work
Where the functions of
quangos could be transferred to elected bodies that were properly accountable to public, then that should



Mr David Springbett: blood pressure normal

### In brief By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Dismissed vicar is divorced

The Rev Kenneth Flenley, who was dismissed as Vicar of Bathford, near Bath, after a church inquiry ruled that his friendship with a widow had caused a serious pastoral breakdown, was granted a divorce

yesterday.

Mr Flenley, aged 62, said later that he intended to marry the widow, Mrs Betty Akin, aged 47, who has four children.

#### Four children die in fire at home

Four children died in an upstairs bedroom during a fire at their home in Forsythia Close, Risca, Gwent, yesterday. They were Nigel, aged six, Derek, aged five, Ann-Marie. aged four, and Dana, aged 12 months, whose father, Mr David Holls, coach driver, was at Hall, a coach driver, was at work at the time.

The Queen's party

The Queen is giving a party on the Sandringham estate today for 40 children aged 5-11. She will present book prizes for good attendance at the children's church and watch a puppet entertainment with Commuters delayed

Commuters travelling into London on the main East Coast

line faced train cancellations again yesterosay because of a strike by 250 drivers and guards at Peterborough, Cambaldon and the control of t bridgeshire. Firemen end action Fire brigade union members

in Strathclyde who had decided

to operate their own work schedules in defiance of those laid down by Mr Richard Knowlcon, the Strathclyde fire master, suddenly called off their action yesterday.

Prison inquiry Police have begun an investigation at Stanford Hill open prison, on the Isle of Sheppey. Kent, after allegations misuse of prison property.

### Channel ferry advertisement 'misleading'

Correspondent Losers in the price war

for later phases.

and emergency services.

Losers in the price war among ferry companies on the short crossings to France could include some of the passengers unless they shop carefully.

A national press advertising campaign placed by Townsend Thoresen is considered misleading by its competitors and by some intending passengers. by some intending passengers.

The advertisements, headed "Look before you book!", compare specimen Townsend Thoresen fares with those charged by Sealink, P & O, and Seaspeed hovercraft. In all five cases quoted, the Townsend Thoresen fare is cheapest. Below the table of fares the advertisement states: Now advertisement states: "Now you've looked—send for the book". People who look no farther,

however, may well be out of pocket. The fares Townsend Thoresen quote in the ad-vertisement for its Dover-Calais crossings in August apply only to ships leaving Dover at 4 am or 6 am and to sailings from Calais at midnight

On other sailings the fares are between 16 and £14.50 dearer in each direction. A spokesman for P & O Normandy Ferries said: "They Normandy Ferries said: have certainly chosen examples to suit themselves. Our price comparisons show that we are generally cheaper for medium sized cars, and for single people travelling with large cars. Townsend Thorensen has taken account in its calculations of Sealink's offer of a £15 discount for early payment for motorists' summer cross-ings. That offer was yesterday extended until February 29.

But Sealink also yesterday announced that it was changing its tariff structure by abolishing the two higher price levels for larger cars, so that from March 1 it will have only two levels of tariff, for cars up to 12ft lin (3.80 metres) and for larger

That further reduces the fare for family cars such as the Corrina and Cavalier, which are quoted in the Townsend Thore sen advertisements. ."They have compared our brochure prices although they

knew that we had announced that our strategy would be to make a series of special offers. "Our special offer for February of £20 for a car and two passengers is the cheapest cross-Channel fare in real money terms for 15 years. We have not yet shown our hand for August.", Sealink said. knew that we had announced

### Dr Owen calls for £15m EEC aid for coal board

By George Clark Political Correspondent from EEC funds for the National Coal Board for 1980-81

to eliminate the need for imports of coking coal, Dr David Owen, MP for Plymouth, Devonport, and former Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, said last night. Addressing the Blaydon

Fabian Society in Stanley, co Durham, Dr Owen said that was one way the European Community could respond to the Prime Minister's demand for reduction in the size of the net British contribution to the EEC budget. If the grant was obtained, the coal board would be able

to offer coking coal to the British Steel Corporation at a price that would eliminate the need for the corporation to import any further foreign coal this year.
That would prevent pit
closures, redundancies among

miners, and the abourd situa-tion of Britain, at a time of world energy shortage, reducing

its coal production.

"The Government at present By George Clark
Political Correspondent refuse to pay this money themApplication should be made selves to the coal board", he
immediately by the Government for a £15m to £20m grant
from EEC funds for the
ought to be reversed. However, there can be no justification for the Government not approaching the European Community."

In 1978 Germany spent £297m, in conformity with European Community rules, in supporting the difference in cost between producing coking coal in Germany and the average cost of importing coking cost. In the same year the British Government spent £7.750,000 on coking coal. In 1978, however, there was no import of large quantities of coking coal into the United Kingdom, Dr Owen said.

The German Government had made a strategic decision to subsidize their coking coal, to protect jobs and not to have their steel industry rely on imported coking coal. "I cannot believe that it would be in the interests of the European Community to refuse

to make a grant to Britain to

prevent us from importing coking coal, he said.

#### Man jailed for keeping dogs in 'living hell' Valentine Orrin-Elcock, who

was said to have kept dogs in a living hell", was jailed for six months yesterday by magis-trates at Uckfield, Sussex. His wife, Monica, received 8 sixmonths' sentence suspended for two years. Both were banned from keep-

ing a dog for five years and were barred for life from boarding animals. Mr Michael Clark, the chairman, said the sanctuary they had tried to set up for un-

wanted strays was more like a refugee camp. -"Everyone who has been in court over these two days will share the feelings of revulsion and puzzlement that the bench has". he said, " revulsion at the conditions that have been described as appalling, revolting and a living hell, and puzzle-ment that Mrs Orrib-Elcock, an

tinue." Mr Orrin-Elcock, aged 52, and his wife, aged 46, denied causing unnecessary suffering

#### The fastest man in the atmosphere By Sara Bonner

Mr David Springbett, a Lloyd's underwriter, arrived in London yesterday after reduc-ing the record for circumnavigating the world on scheduled flights by nearly nine-and-a-half

His journey, which started from Los Angeles on Tuesday, took 44 hours and six minutes, nearly two hours less than the time for which he had aimed. The previous record, established in 1978 by two Australian journalists, was 53 hours was only fractionally higher.

and 34 minutes. Mr Springbett's 23,068-mile route took him from Los Angeles to London, Bahrain, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Tokyo, Honolulu and back to Los Angeles.

On his return Mr Springben, aged 41, found that he had set

another record by bearing the round-the-world time of 45 hours and 19 minutes set by an American B152 bomber. He became the fastest man "with-in the atmosphere". Only astro-nauts and somonauts have travelled faster. He said in London that he thought his record was unbeatable.

One of the reasons for the record-breaking attempt was to expose what he regards as the "myth" of jet-lag. He was "myth" of jet-lag. He was examined by a doctor after the flight and his blood-pressure

### Jury to give verdict on death of Mr Kelly

A jury is to decide how James Kelly died while in police custody, Mr Ronald Lloyd, the Merseyside Coroner, announced

yesterday. Mr Kelly, aged 53, a labourer, of Sleaford Road, Huyton, Merseyside, died after being picked up by police. His family claim he was severely beaten, but the police say he was found unconscious on waste ground. Mr Kelly had been drinking

heavily.

Calls for a public inquiry into the affair bave intensified since Sir Thomas Hetherington, Director of Public Prosecutions, appounced that no police officer announced that no police officer involved would be prosecuted. Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, has rejected the demands, one of which came from Sir Harold Wilson, Evidence collected during an internal police investigation into Mr Kelly's death will be made available to the resumed

inquest.
Mr Lloyd's decision to sit with a jury and the submission, of police evidence meets two of the Kelly family's demands, but they also wanted a public inquiry. MP dissatisfied: A coroner's

inquest in no way offers an acceptable substitute for a full public inquiry, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour MP for Oldham, West, said in a letter to Mr Whitelaw yesterday (our Political Correspondent writes). He added: "I say this because, firstly, there can be no cross-examination of witnesses at a coroner's inquest, secondly, at a coroner's inquest, secondly, because a coroner can and usually does 'direct' a jury in the most forthright manner as to the verdict they should return, and thirdly because it is difficult to have much faith in a Merseyside inquest's uncovering the full facts when the original official inquest was such a blasant farce.

such a blatant farce.
"I therefore believe that is full full public inquiry is still needed into this case, and I

would ask you to reconsider your decision."

Mr Meacher said that the decision of the DPP not to prosecute "can only lend currency to the view, which I suspect more and more and more neonle new held. more and more people now hold, that if the Kelly case does not lead to a prosecution, no death in police custody will ever do so ".

#### Record syndicate smashed after raid on plant'

A big syndicate involved in the unauthorized recordings of artists' performances has been smashed, the British Phonographic Industry disclosed yesterday. It said its investigators raided a disused airfield in the North-east just before Christmas and discovered an illicit record pressing plant. In the High Court yesterday Mrs Marjorie Counsell, and Mr Roland Counsell, directors of M & C Pressings, of the Manse, near Wooler, Northumberland, gave undertakings to stop making and selling illegal albums.

The undertakings are effective until final judgment or further court order in a damages action brought by David Bowle, the singer, and other performers under contract to BPI members, and by RCA Corporation and RCA Ltd, suing on behalf of themselves and

Corporation and RCA Ltd, suing on behalf of themselves and other members of BPI.

Similar court pledges were given by Mr John Martin, of County Recording Service, Binfield, Berkshire, which cut some of the "lacquers" for the unauthorized records, and Gedmal Galvanic Ltd, which made the plates.

Two other defendants, Mr Anthony Marsh, who was said to be on a yacht near the Bahamas, and his firm, Deroy Sound Service, have yet to be served with the proceedings.

### The inside story of

In Place of Strife Barbara Castle was at the centre of three Labour gov-ernments, from 1964 to 1976. Most nights at after Cabinet or party caucus or Bucking-ham Palace reception, Barbara Castle, former journalist and shorthand writer, wrote her impressions in her diary; and she kept it secret for a decade.

Tomorrow The Sunday Times begins serialization of her book, In Place of Strife (to be published this autumn). which tells the inside story of what happened when a Labour government attempted to bring the law into areas of trade union power.

### Motorists must not expect councils to salt and grit all roads, minister says

By Peter Waymark

Motoring Correspondent The public must be realistic in its expectations of what can be done to keep roads clear of snow and ice this winter, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday. Increased use of de-icing salt during the extreme weather of last winter had run down stocks. Local authorities would have to weigh the cost of treating roads against their other

commitments. obvious animal lover, could Speaking in Kendal, Cumbria, allow these conditions to con-Mr Clarke went on : " Only the more important roads can be treated quickly and even they cannot be rendered perfectly safe in extreme conditions."

Each council had to decide

was the case five years ago. The cost of imported salt this winter would be about £20m, which was a heavy burden on the balance of payments. Much of the responsibility for safe driving in bad conditions

had to rest on the motorist. Common sense demanded that drivers should not make nonessential journeys when conditions were dangerous, and when journeys had to be made extreme care must be taken.

According to a recent survey by the Automobile Association port Correspondent writes).

how much money should be de-magazine, Drive, salt stocks are voted to salting at the expense well below what local authori-of new road building, support ties regard as adequate. Counfor public transport, conces- cils have put their requirements sionary fares and other claims. at three million tonnes, but Mr Clarke said far more salt only 2.4 million tonnes is likely was put on the roads now than to be available.

ICI, which owns Britain's only salt mine, in Cheshire, has urged local authorities to conserve their stocks and to use salt as sparingly as possible. The chance of another

winter as severe as that of 1979 is slight, according to the Meteorological Office.

Expensive imports: About a million tonnes of salt has been imported from Europe at £20 to £30 a tonne, compared with £12 to £14 a tonne (our Trans-

### M Barre tells firms to talk with unions

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Jan 11

M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, called French empleyers to task yesterday for their lack of enthusiasm for discussions with the trade unions. He was reacting to criticism that he practised a "soft" variety of liberalism, and did not look further than the end not look further than the end of his nose, while President Ciscard d'Estaing had his head in the clouds and was busy contemplating the problems of the next millenium.

M Barre said he understood the difficulties faced by employers, especially those of medium and small firms. "But ler them not lose sight of the

medium and small firms. But let them not lose sight of the essential, or miss the opportunity, now within their reach, of establishing with the trade unions relations based on dialogue and the common search for suitable solutions."

"He was not averse to correcting the image which the Opposition is trying to pin on him of a man dedicated to serve the employers interests. Although his liberal philosophy precludes excessive intervention by the Government in relations between employers and labour, he told a forum organized by the economic magazine
L'Expansion that "the dialogue
with labour is the key to the
unity of France.
"For the Government, the

earch for consultation and cooperation with trade union organizations is inseparable from its desire to acknowledge the freedom of firms. But let there be no mistake about the Government's policy, it is not a policy of reaction, but of

M Barre was speaking on the morrow of the breakdown of discussions between employers and unions on the reduction in the hours of work, after 20 months of discussion, which has compelled the Government to take the matter into its own bands. It is to announce soon an initiative to resume discus-sions and bring them to a satisfactory conclusion.

"The Prime Minister recalled The Prime Minister recalled that in October, he had suggested that employers and labour should take up three broad subjects of negotiation: working hours, a midimum income for the lowest paid workers, and worker participation. On none of them has any progress been achieved.

'M Barre insisted that the results of the elections to workers' tribunals on December 12 had confirmed his analysis of the labour situation in France. "No one can deny the represen-tative character of the unions, or their role in labour relations. Their capacity for dialogue has increased since 1978.

The Government considers this evolution is positive for the French economy and society. It wishes that in spite of difficulties of all kinds the country is going through, the year 1980 should be a year of expansion

dialogue.<sup>8</sup> The fact is that the Prime Minister, who has given firms freedom over prices, feels he has been ill rewarded by their unwillingness to conclude national labour agreements.

On the prospects for France this year, he defined seven main trends, as one newspaper

put it. They are: Continued increases in oil and energy prices; a less rapid growth rate and a slower rise in the standard of living; the substitution of a "society of

creation, initiative and respon-sibility for a "society of con-sumption, distribution, and assistance"; The stepping up of ruthless international competition; slow

progress towards greater inter-national monetary stability; slow and difficult progress towards a more functional organization rather than institutional organization of Europe; and the worsening of the prob-lem of the least developed

To these trends corresponded seven pillars of wisdom: a dynamic birthrate; a steady development of exports; stabi-lity of the franc; reduction in dynamic birthrate; a steady development of exports; stability of the franc; reduction in dependence on imported energy; freedom of decision for firms on prices, production, investment, wages and jobs; reorganization of the main public and semi-public systems; and improvement in social progress.

Inow.

Only 29 per cent of people in Britain are prepared to say the EEC is positively "a good thing", compared with 58 per cent in the Community as a very compared with 58 per cent in the Community as a serious are actively hostile to the EEC and 30 per cent have no views about it.



Corsican autonomists surrender their arms after peacefully leaving the occupied hotel in Ajaccio,

### Corsican gunmen free hostages and give in

Paris, Jan 11

The 40 Corsican nationalists entrenched in a botel in the centre of Ajaccio since early on Wednesday, holding 10 guests as bostages, gave themselves up to the police early today without a shot being fired.

But much to the suttorise cod:

But much to the surprise and: relief of the French authori-ties, as worse had been feared, the 24-hour strike called for by 48 political and trade union

organizations, throughout the island was widely observed. Ajaccio was like a dead town Alaccio was like a dead town this morning most shops having put up their shutters; Tension persists among the island's population still under the shock of the three deaths in Wednesday's shooting.

A 70-year-old French settler from Tunisia was kidnapped last night at Bravone, near Aleria where two gendarmes

Aleria, where two gendarmes were killed five years, ago in clashes with autonomists. In contrast to the nervousness of the police on Wednesday, which led to two of the
three deaths, the surrender of
the autonomists was obtained
through the resourcefulness and
cold blood of the commander
of the special anti-gang group
of the gendarmerie, Captain

Poll shows little

European MPs

From Our Own Correspondent

Brussels, Jan 14.

Any notion that the European
Parliament might have succeeded in capturing the imagi-

as a result of the first direct election takes a severe knock

from a sobering opinion survey

European Commission.
Only about 66 per cent of those questioned were able to recall having read or heard anything about the Parliament, and

only 44: per cent had any clear idea of what the Parliament is

or does.

In Britain only 25 per cent
of those interviewed could say
what the Parliament does and
only 55 per cent could remem-

ber having heard or read about

However, the Belgians, who are generally far more well disposed towards the EEC than the British, are only a few percentage points behind in anathy and lack of interest about the

Parliament, according to the survey. The West Germans and the Luxembourgers are the most knowledgeable.

The survey was conducted in October, before the Parliament's

decision to throw out the EEC budget for 1980. It is possible that a higher awareness of the

Parliament would be recorded

interest in

through the rooftens into the hotel, and making contact with the leader of the autonomists, M. Marcal Lorenzoni, also an amateur parachutist. The autonomist leader knew of the gendarmerie captain and had some respect for him. No bargain was struck, but

as a result of their meeting, the autonomists who realized their position was hopeless -- the hotel was surrounded, and the men of the riot squad equipped with tear gas would have been ordered to take the premises by storm sooner or leter were allowed to surrender with the honours of war, so to

speak.

Shortly before 2 am, they emerged from the hotel, carrying their rilles and shotguns above their heads, and two women among them carrying the white Corsican flag with the moor's head. They were accompanied by the 10 hotel guests.

Singing the Corsican anthem, Dio vi salva Regina", they walked down the middle of the street under an armed escort of the riot squad to the police headquarters about 300 yards away. There they handed in

No progress in

on lamb dispute

From Our Own Correspondent

Talks here between Mr Finn Gundelach, the EEC Commis-sioner for Agriculture, and M Pierre Mehaignerie, the French

goods in the Community.

ne said.

The British claim for damages for the loss to exporters was not in his view the most urgent problem. "What is necessary is to find a reason-

able organization of the

was prepared to respect the ruling of the European Court.

but it was necessary to proceed

by stages.
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Hope for sextuplets

M Mehaignerie said France

EEC talks

their weapons and were charged. They also handed over one of They also handed over one of the two alleged members of the anti-autonomist group, M Alain Olliel, who was taken prisoner at Bastelica, near Ajaccio, on Sunday, when the trouble began. The other man taken prisoner by the autonomists, Commander Bertclini, whom the autonomists suspect of having led the anti-autonomist movement Francia for a year in

movement Francia for a year in several bomb attacks against them, was still missing. He lost a leg in 1978 when an explosive charge wrecked his car.

The police and gendarmerie were combing the scrubland where he is believed to be held since the evacuation of Bastelica and Monday, before the police

on Monday, before the police invested the village.

The hotol guests said they had been well treated during their detention by the autonomists. The latter had told them they were surrendering because they had not enough weapons carry on. The guests also said that the

The guests also said that the autonomists had told the police that they were Corsican pairiots and not kidnappers and that the guests had stayed on with them voluntarily. The autonomists maintained that they had not negotiated their surrender,

are reasonable.

M Olivier Larcher, a police inspector with seven years' seniority in the service, was charged with homicide yesterday in connexion with the shooting on Wednesday night shooting on Wednesday night of a young woman in a street in Ajaccio a few hours after the occupation of the hotel by the autonomists. The car in which she was travelling was viddled with sub-machine gun bullets. She was killed and another passenger in the vehicle was severely injured.

The general strike call resulted in 95 per cent of shops and cafés in Bastia and upper Corsica being closed. Post Office and railway services have been interrupted, schools are closed and local employees

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are closed and local employees have stopped work.

In Ajaccio, fishermen have blocked the entrance of the harbour with a barrage of boats. A large number of demonstrators assembled outside police headquarters, but were being kept at a distance. It is feared that the funeral, possibly tomorrow, of the two civilians shot dead on Wednesday may cause another outburst.

day may cause another outburst of violence by the more extreme wing of the autonomist move-ment.

### President Castro takes Sadat plan more power in Government reshuffle

Havana, Jan 11.—Nine ministers have been replaced in a reorganization of the Cuban Government which strengthens the powers of President Fidel Castro and his brother, Raul.

The Council of State in the communiate published in the Communiate Party newspaper Gramma, said President Castro would now be directly in charge of the military and the Ministries of the Interior, Health and Culture.

Culture.

It said Senor Raul Castro, already first Deputy Prime Minister, "will collaborate with the President in this task and those inherent in his func-tions.

The statement said that the reorganization was undertaken to facilitate "the control and the coordination of the work of the organisms of state".

Before the reorganization President Castro had no direct

assignments.
The nine ministers replaced were those for Justice, Heavy Industry, Light Industry, Sugar Industry, Education, Agriculture, Trade, Fishing, and Iron and Steel, the council said.
It also said that the presidents of the State Committee of dents of the State Committee of Labour and the National Tourism Institute were also replaced.

The extensive reorganization comes less than a month after a Cabiner reshuffle on Decem-ber 14 in which the Health and Transport Ministers lost their

At the same time as the ministerial changes, the Council of State also announced that Señor Jose Santiago Cuba Fernandez, the Chief State Prosecutor, had been relieved of his past and replaced by Scñor Adalberto de Guevara Quintana.

The communique said the The communique said the measures were in line with the policy to "proceed with changes in the Office of Public Prosecu-tions proposed by the Head of State (Dr Castro) and the Gov-

ornment".

Observers have interpreted the Government reshuffle as an attempt by President Castro to pull the country out of its worst economic recession since he came to power.

came to power.

"For some months the leaders of the nation have been questioning the not-always effective functioning of some Government organs", the Prensa Latina news agency said in announcing the changes.

Western diplomatic sources said it was for early to say whether the changes represented a purge or simply a realignment of current officials, responsibilities.

responsibilities.

The reshuffle came amid what
Western diplomats in Hafana
have called the worst economic
crisis the Caribbean island has

The patrols are being made by members of neighbourhood "committees for the defence of the revolution" founded in of the revolution" founded in 1960 to guard against sabotage by anti-Castro groups.

A member of a vigilante patrol said: "Yes, it is true, the patrols have been stepped up. Before it was two persons per zone, now it is two per block. We have been told to be more alert."

Two unarmed vigilantes were on duty at most street corners in the densely populated city centre district.

centre district.
Committees for the defence of the revolution have held meetings in recent days to discuss "an important matter". Foreign correspondents are not allowed into such meetings, so it was not known whether they concerned the security measures.

The increase in the activities of the vigilantes coincides with widespread identity checks and detentions by police in Havana in recent weeks, according to Cuban workers and students and foreign diplomats.

The increased security is believed to be aimed not only at finding those responsible for the anti-government propa-

the anti-government propa-ganda but also at rounding up common criminals, black marketeers and vagrants, while at the same time improving police

discipline.
Police have been boarding buses to check identity cards, examining parcels carried by pedestrians, and stopping cars at night, workers and students say. People without documents, or with scarce goods for which they could not account, have been detained. been detained. The tighter security measures

have not been reported in the official Cuban press, but newspapers have published remin-ders by the Interior Ministry that Cubans are obliged always to carry their identity cards.
In addition to the posters and leaflets, a clandestine radio station, purporting to be in the mountains of eastern Cuba, has been broadcasting anti-Castro

## for Gaza studied in

Israel From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem Jan 11
After the failure of the
Aswan summit to break the
deadlock on the key issue of
Palestinian autonomy, there is
a growing conviction among
both Israeli and Egyptian
officials that agreement in the
joint autonomy negotiations
will not be reached by its
target date of May 26.

Israeli government sources
are trying to play down the

are trying to play down the significance of the date. Among significance of the date. Among international observers there is speculation that the American Government will soon have to step in again to try to force progress on both the autonomy issue and the future status of Lengellett.

Jerusalem.
The Israeli Foreign Ministry explained today that President Sadat's suggestion about implesadar's suggestion about implementing autonomy first in the Gaza Strip was different from the previous "Gaza first" proposals which have been put forward by the Egyptians on a number of occasions since 1978

will be put before the Israeli Cabinet on Sunday, President Sadat is no longer arguing that the 460,000 Gazan Arabs should be offered a different form of autonomy than the 700,000 Arabs in the West Bank. He single form of autonomy is agreed by all parties, it should be implemented first in Gaza where Egyptian influence is

Dr Yosef Burg, the Minister of the Interior, who is Israel's, chief negotiator, said today that a special committee should be established to review; the new Egyptian proposal. But Israeli politicians are playing down the Egyptian plan, saying that before it can be taken up the wide differences on the whole autonomy question will have to be bridged.

In Gaza, a narrow rectangle of land occupied by Egypt until 1967, there was predictably little enthusiasm for the Sadat proposal among leading Arab notables or political figures. Many prominent Gazans have informed the Ezyptish Government that they would be unwilling to accept any position which would differentiate them from the Palestinians on the West

Mr Hekkim a-Shawa, chair-man of the Palestine Bank and head of the Gaza Citrus Mar-keting Board, commented: "Gaza and the West Bank cannet be split. We are all Palestinians and we oppose the

### Dutch bishops prepare to study their problems move against

From Peter Nichols Rome, Jan 11

International interest in the problems of Dutch Catholicism was widespread because western Europe and America faced essentially similar issues, Cardinal Willebrands, Archbishop of Utrecht, said here today. On Monday the Dutch bishops begin a special synod in the Vatican convoked by the Pope.

Minister, today made no progress towards resolving the lamb dispute between France and Britain.

Mr Gundelach said the problem was that the French and the British put different inter-The convocation is unprecedented in modern times. This no doubt helped account for the pretations on the verdict of the European Court last September which ruled that France was in Dutch Primate's uncertainties in breach of Community regula-tions for banning British lamb

dealing with questions.

He said the main object of this synod was to study the exports.

The French tax on British pastoral activities of the church in The Netherlands in pre-sent circumstances. The bishops exports was contrary to the principle of free circulation of sent circumstances. The bishops would have to give an analysis of the pastoral situation, the problems it presented and solutions which had to be sought. The synod was a response to the need, he said, of establishing as completely as possible communion among the bishops and with the Pope.

Cardinal Willebrands handled questions in a way suggesting Bur he sympathized with the French side. "One wants to be sure there will be no loss of income for French producers",

questions in a way suggesting that he was already tired and hardly in good humour. His own position is difficult. He was appointed to Utrecht four years ago as successor to Car-dinal Alfrink. He was then head of the Vati-

can's secretariat dealing with Christian unity and has retained this post. As a result he has had to share his time between Utrecht and Rome, a patently unsatisfactory arrangement. Florence, Jan 11.-Sextuplets, The arrangement placed him in the centre of the problem dominating Dutch Catholicism. Whatever may be said about the four boys and two girls, were born to a woman in Florence today, and doctors said all were



Cardinal Willebrands: His

own position is difficult.

experiments within Dutch Cath-olicism, the beach of seven bishops remained united until 1971 when the Vatican appointed the first of two conservative bishops.
The appointment of Mgr

Adrianus Simonis to Rotterdam
was followed by that of Mgr
Johannes Gijsen to Roermond.
Mgr Simonis has proved sufficiently cooperative with the
other bishops for collaboration
to be possible. Mgr Gijsen has Cardinal Willebrands was driven to issue a statement in March, 1979, in Rome to answer

an interview given by Mgr Gij-sen and published in Holland which, among other issues, called for papal intervention in the affairs of the Dutch church. Bishops support

### S African police new black group

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, Jan 11 Security police in Port Elizarights leaders and used tear gas to disperse protesting crowds last night in the black township of Walmer, whose residents are to be recoved under Govern-

ment policy. The three men detained are Mr Thozamile Botha, the leader of Pebco (Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organization), who has played a key role in recent strikes at the Port Elizabeth Tshume, the secretary of Pebco; and Mr Mono Badela, a journalist and member of the executive of the (black) Writers' Association of South

preparing to hold a meeting in a church hall. As crowds gathered in protest, police came to the scene in riot vehicles and fired tear-gas shells. Police action came after Pebco's decision to implement

The men were arrested while

Pebco's decision to implement a city-wide strike and demonstration against the planned removal of residents from Walmer. The arrests come after a long spell of sporadic unrest in the black townships of Port Elizabeth, which have never really settled down since the 1976 Soweto disturbances. A police statement said the arrests follow weeks of unrest. stone throwing, petrol bombing and other illegal actions.

Pebco, which has links with Azapo (Azanian People's Organization) is a new body which appear to be filling the vacuum caused by the banning of Steve Biko's Black Consciousness organizations in 1976. Meanwhile, it is feared that meanwhile, it is teared that the arrests could trigger off another round of strikes in motor and industrial plants of the city.

### Ethiopian troops retreat in new Eritrean offensive

Khartum, Jan 11.-Ethiopian cover. Guerrilla strength in the troops are fleeing through a battle was estimated at 7,000; waterless corner of Eritrea province toward the Red Sea after ment of mostly light artillery, a significant defeat by Eritrean Agence France-Presse. a significant defeat by Eritrean guerrillas at the town of Nakfa.

A spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said here yesterday that the Ethiopians were retreating toward the harbour of Marsa Taklai, about 80 miles north of Nakfa.

Mr Duran Abmed Hashi of the Western Somelia Liberation.

He said the Ethiopians would water in the area".

Mr Audemicael Kuhsai, an

EPLF central committee mem-ber, said in Rome yesterday that Eritrean secessionist forces had put Ethiopian Government troops to rout last Sunday at Nakla after four weeks of Fight-Mr Kahsai put the Ethiopian strength at 13,000 men, backed by tanks, heavy artillery and air

Curfew is eased

#### but Seychelles 'stays vigilant' Nairobi, Jan 11 The Seychelles Government has further relaxed the curfew

imposed on November 16 after President René announced that plot to overthrow his regime

the Western Somalia Libera-

the find it hard to reach the coast, which they continue to hold in the face of a reported Eritrean offensive, "because there is only one well of drinkable water in the area".

Mr Andemicael Kuhsai an had confirmed to the first napalm attack at the beginning of last year and said Western journalists. had confirmed that napalm was used. There had been three other napalm attacks during the year, he said.
Mr Hashi said a well six miles from Gabredarre was found poisoned on December

10 when the guerrillas took control of the desert region briefly after six months. Russians form

a plot to overthrow his regime had been foiled.

The curfew, which formerly began at 10 pm, now operates only between 1 am and 5 am, but no boats are permitted to leave or enter between 6 pm and 6 am, and the Government has called for "continued vigilance" against a foreign invasion.

More than 80 people were

#### bulk of European refugees moved From Our Correspondent Geneva, Jan 11 Some 58,000 East European

refugees, mostly Russians, were resettled last year under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM). This was the argest number since the 1956 Hungarian crisis. Of that total, 54,280 were Russians, of whom 17,489 went to Israel and 33,914 to the United States.

Altogether, ICEM moved 248,000 people in 1979, the highest yearly figure since it was established 28 years ago.

#### Zurich's great newspaper is 200 years old In its own view, it is "com-mittedly liberal" and close to not impartial when Nazism rose scepticism about East-West

announcing the outbreak of the First World War was half an inch high. It was hardly bigger when an even greater con-flagration began in 1939, and the staid stance has not changed

Editorial cool-headedness and sparing use of bold print have been a tradition for the Neue Zurcher Zeitung which marks its two hundredth anniversary romorrow as the oldest among the world's leading newspapers. What began as a four-page, twice-weekly chronicle has long

become almost essential reading for German speakers in governments and executive suites, ranging from Dr Henry Kissinger and M Jean François-Poncet, the French Foreign Minister, to international financiers and a number of Kremlin subscribers. It is as much part of the Swiss image as watchmaking or the Matterhorn and can claim to have had a prime role in

creating modern Switzerland. Not that it has no critics—the Nazis banned it years before toost newspapers of their wartime enemies. Among leftists, it is often rated as reactionary because of its links with the Swiss establishment-

the Liberal Democratic Party, to power in Germany. The although they are sometimes at odds. It must be included in in its infancy in 1933 when it the list of the world's 10 top gave an editorial warning that "a people which does not pro-

newspapers.

King Frederick the Great of Prussia, the first continental monarch to rule against press censorship, was the idol of the reform minded founder of the paper in 1780, two years before the last "witch" was burnt in Switzerland, and five years before The Times was born in fore The Times was born in London.
The first news in the first issue reported the activities of the French fleet under a Count

d'Estaing, a warring ancestor of the President of France. The newspaper missed reporting the death of Mozart in 1787, but was one of the first foreign newspapers to welcome the great revolution in France. It was a champion of radical liberal changes in the Swiss Confederation in the nineteenth contederation in the nineteenth century and one of its chief editors drew up the Civil Code that is still in use. But its real breakthrough to international prestige came during the First World War when both sides valued what a British analysis termed its "undeviating impartiality".

"a people which does not pro-test against a crime against human dignity ... shares the responsibility ". In 1938, when much of Eur-

In 1938, when much of Europe indulged in post-Munich hopes of "peace in our time", the Zurich editors stepped up their warnings, earning a label as the "only warmongers in Europe" from Goebbels' propaganda ministry.

In 1940 Switzerland became a democratic island in occupied Europe, dependent on the supplies Hitler allowed through. There was growing pressure to adjust to the "new order", but Herr Willy Bretscher, then the editor-in-chief, ruled out any policy change because it "would betray the honour of the paper".

The paper never revised its stand that the Soviet Union was another menace to democracy

another menace to democracy in the West. It backed the crea-

tion of Nato and West German rearmament, supported the United States in Vietnam, and

Thomas Mann, Romain Rolland and Hermann Hesse have been among the prominent con-tributors to its art and literary Editorial space is enviably

ample. A more than half-page leading article by Fred Luch-singer, editor-in-chief since 1968, is by no means of exceptional length. Its 33 full-time foreign cor-respondents—the biggest inter-national network for a publica-tion of its size anywhere—are free to decide whatever they

consider worth reporting and commenting on. There are no women on the foreign staff. "Somehow, we have not found the right candidate", the foreign editor explained. With a circulation of 120,000, including about 20,000 sold abroad, it is not only the oldest but also the smallest among the world's top papers. But 90 per cent go to faithful subscribers. Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian

Chancellor, has been a reader for 50 years. The paper has a corporate ownership, with 634 Swiss citizens holding the 1,800 registered shares. No one can hold argued that events in Hungary, zens holding the 1 Czechoslovakia and in Afghan-istan justified its pronounced more than 30.—AP.

#### Vatican over Kung case From Our Own Correspondent Bom, Jan 11

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The West German Roman Capholic bishops today published a pastoral message defending the decision of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith barring Professor Hans Küng from teaching as a Roman Catholic theologian.

The bishops said: "In full unity with the Pope we are unfortunately obliged to state that Professor Küng represents on various points of faith opinions which are contrary to the teaching of the Church."

The message will be read out

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The message will be read out in church pulpits on Sunday.

The great majority of the 16 members of the theological faculty of Tübingen University where the Swiss-born theologian teaches, approved a resolution demanding that Professor Küng should be allowed to continue to work there.

The Bishop of Rostenburg-Stuttgart, Mgr Georg Moser, has appealed to Herr Helmut Engler, the Baden-Württemberg Minister of Education, to dismiss Professor Küng if he did not go of his own accord.

Vietnam may accept peace zone From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, Jan 11 Tunku Ahmad Rithaudeen, the Malaysian Foreign Minister, returned from a three-day official visit to Vietnam without being able to narrow the divergence of views between

the two countries.

He told a press conference on his arrival that the two countries "have agreed to disagree" on the major issues concerning peace and stability in South-East Asia.

The principal area of divergence lies in differing attitudes towards Kampuchea, which the Association of South-East Asia Nations (Asean) does not Nations (Asean) does not recognize because Vietnam in-

replaced the Pol Por administration with one led by Mr. Heng Saurin. But he described his visit as a success if only because Malaysia, and therefore, by extension, Asean of which she

### More than 80 people were detained in November but some have since been freed.

is a member, was able to gauge at first band the Vietnamese attitudes towards Asean and its position towards Kam-puchea puchea.
At the same time, Mr Nguyen
Co Thach, the Vietnamese
Foreign Minister indicated in the two countries.

a press interview in Hanoi that Vietnam was prepared to accept the 1971, Kuala Lumpur declaration as the basis for stability in South-East Asia.

This was the declaration accepted by the Asean members Mulaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Mr Thach's interview with correspondents from the North Market Correspondents from the North Market Correspondents from the Market Ma

correspondents from the Malay-

position of hostility towards Asean and its attempts to create a zone of peace in the region. Tunku Rithaudeen, however, said the fact that Vietnam has agreed to continue negotiations was an indication that some convergence of views was possible Mr Thach is expected to re-sume the bilateral talks in Kuala Lumpur in March or April. after which he could well visit the other countries in Asean. "Independence respected": In Hanoi, before he flew home, Mr Rithaudeen said Mr Pham Van Dong, the Vietnamese Prime Minister, and Mr Thach had assured him their country would sian Bernama news agency and the Government-run Malaysian radio and television network in Hanoi yesterday, released today, was the first in which Vietnam had responded favourably to the aggression pacts and the holding of talks to set up a peace had responded favourably to the concept of a zone of peace.

But sources said the Vietnamesee had not budged from their studied.—Agence France-Presse.

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Oman warns

Soviet peril

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, was given an Arab warning today that the West

must not be caught napping by the Russians in the strategic waters of the Gulf of Oman.

Since the invasion of Afghan-

istan, which is seen by the Sultan of Oman as a threat close to his own part of the world. Oman would like increased arms, training and military sup-

"There is no doubt that the

Soviet Union followed a policy of expansionism and used every

opportunity, whether through lack of resolve by the West or the West being caught nap-ping", Mr Quais Zawawi, the Omani Minister of State for

"They have and will continue

to take military action to inter-vene whenever the possibilities

and opportunities arise. We feel they will not be content to remain in Afghanistan, if they are allowed to move further south to warm waters, into the Gulf of Oman", he told Lord Carrington

Carrington.

The threat closest to home, as Sultan Qaboos made clear in a two-hour talk with the Foreign

Yemen. Though there is no trouble across the frontier at present, the Omanis are contin-

Foreign Affairs, said today.

port from the West.

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From David Spanier

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From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 11
A public opinion poll
published in Iowa today shows
a big change in the popularity
of the leading contenders for
both the Democratic and
Republican nominations. Iowa
holds the first political

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Poll shows

holds the first political event of the year on January 21, and according to the poll President Carter is far ahead of Senator Kennedy, and Mr Ronald Reagan has lost half his support.

his support.

Five weeks ago Mr Carter and Senator Kennedy both had 40 per cent of Iowa Democrats in their camp. In today's poll, published by the Des Moines Register, the President has the support of 57 per cent, Mr Kennedy 25 per cent and Governor Jerry Brown, of California, 4 per cent, with 14 per cent undecided.

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This strong swing to the
President is despite his decision to halt the export of
grain to the Soviet Union.
Much of that grain would have
come from lowa. Despite
Government intervention, prices have dropped sharply,
Senator Kennedy has denounced the grain export embargo, but evidently has not
impressed Iowans. Mr Brown
has hardly campaigned in the
State, and his poor showing,
although undoubtedly embarrassing for him, does not necessarily put him out of the race.
Mr Kennedy, of course, will
do well in some of the early

do well in some of the early primaries, at the very least, and hopes that President Carter's present popularity will decline, as it has after earlier rises.

On the Republican side, the On the Republican side, the swing against Mr Reagan is startling. In December, the last poll gave him 50 per cent of Republican voters, Senator Howard Baker 11 per cent, Mr George Bush 14 and Mr John Connally 12 per cent.

In today's poll, Mr Reagan is down to 25 per cent, Senator Baker has 18 per cent, Mr Bush 17 and Mr Connally 10.

There are three other candidates: Senator Robert Dole

dates: Senator Robert Dole gets 6 per cent, Representative Philip Crane 6 per cent and Representative John Anderson

1 per cent.
The poll was taken after the public debate between six of the seven Republican candidate.

the seven Republican candidates a week ago. The debate was organized by the Des Moines Register and televised throughout the State.

Mr Reagan's catastrophic drop in popularity is presumably chiefly due to the fact that he did not participate in the debate. He had calculated that, as the frontrunner, he did not need to appear before an lowan audience of that sort, submitting himself to the indignity of argument with rivals At the Khyber gateway to Afghanistan a large red sign tells visa holders: "Welcome to the land of the new modern revolution". The first welcome dignity of argument with rivals he considered doomed to de-feat. Iowans seem to resent

Mr Reagan's chief hope of doing well in the caucus meetings, on the 21st, must rest with the fact that they will and the most enthusiastic ones.

### Rival groups clash again in Tabriz

Tabriz, Jan 11.—Fighting broke our again here today between supporters of the Muslim People's Republican Party (MPRP), which supports Ayatoliah Sheriat-Maderi, and Revolutionary Guards loyal to Ayatoliah Khomeini.

Ar least one person was killed and four injured when MPRP supporters attacked a mosque, defended by Revolu-tionary Guards. MPRP members said they wented to arrest a mulleh who was speaking there. Sporadic shooting went on for about three hours after which the building was

evacuated MPRP sources said their forces entered the mosque and found the body of one of their supporters who had been stranded. The severt was confirmed gled. The report was confirmed by other sources at the scene.
Earlier, about 50,000
Khomeini supporters marched

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khomeini supporters marched through the city centre after mass prayers in a square.

Yesterday, Tabriz radio, loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini, called on his supporters to attend the prayers in force and deal a blow to what it termed "plotters", a thinly disguised reference to the MPRP.

Iran has sent a warrant to

Iran has sent a warrant to Panama for the arrest of the Shah in an attempt to have the exiled monarch extradited, the state radio said today. state ratio said roday.

It broadcast the text of a letter from Mr Sadeq Qotbzadeh, the Foreign Minister, to

President Aristides Royo of Embargo proposals: The United States today presented the Security Council with a draft resolution asking United Nations members to embargo food aid intended for Afghaniseverything normally sold to Iran

except food, medicine and medi-cal-related items until the American hostages held in Tehran are freed and allowed to leave Iran safely.—Agence France-Presse.

#### 400 homeless after cyclone

Perth Jan 11.—Rescue workers today began airlifting to safety 400 people left home less when a cyclone hit the iso-lated mining town of Golds-worthy, about 1,000 miles north worthy, about 1,000 miles north Commission formally confirmed of here in Western Australia. that steps have been taken to The cyclone, now dying out, roared through the town yesterday, causing some £10m of damage and forcing many of the 1,000 residents to flee to an office block and power undernice cancillate. an office block and power station for safety. The town is still cut off by floods.—Reuter. by the United States.

#### AFGHANISTAN.

### Moscow dismisses US sanctions with contempt but fears new American alliance with Chinese

Moscow, Jan 11

The Soviet Union cannot be strangled by the bony hand of hunger", the Russians remarked contemptuously of President Carter's grain em-bargo. Western attempts to put pressure on Soviet policy would come to nothing, they said.

But this defiant statement conceals the very real alarm felt by ordinary Russians on learning of the embargo. In a country where rumour more than makes up for the lack of official information, people are already stocking up with flour, wondering whether there will ever be meat in the shops

The reaction of an ordinary housewife is typical: "We don't mind going short. We just don't want war."
President Carter has said the

President Carter has said the Russians must pay for their Afghar, adventure. The question is, how much? How hartful will the shortfall of 17 million tons of grain be, the embargo on the export of oil and gasdrilling equipment and technology, the cutting of cultural links?

There is no doubt the un-

There is no doubt the un-expected erain embargo will severely affect the meat supply. The United States Department of Agriculture says that live-stock will have to be reduced by at least 10 per cent, and that meat output. already stagnating at about 15,300,000 tons this year, will fall to 14 million tons

next year.

If Canada, Europe and Australia do not increase their grain sales, there will only be about five million tons available for purchase on the world market. Even if America had allowed all 25 million tons to be exported, the Russians would still have had to draw about 16 million tons from storage to maintain herds at present levels after this year's poor harvest. How much the Russians have

in store is a closely guarded secret. It can be assumed the amount is substantial, but Mos-cow, always conscious of war-time needs, is reluctant to draw on these and would never ex-haust the reserves.

But though the embargo may mean two or three lean years, in the long run it will help, not

consists of filling in passport control and currency forms.

The second welcome consisted of one of the officials warning me: "Be careful if you are going to Jalabad.

There is much fighting near there."

That seemed unlikely on the 60-mile journey from the border

to the city along a spectacu-larly beautiful road—at first

through rocky plains girt with snow-capped mountains climbing into a bright, clear sky, later through lush farmland with rice paddies and citrus groves on either side.

It is true that along the way

there were several stops at checkpoints for soldiers to examine the visa before waving the car on. Other soldiers could

be seen sitting on benches in

the sun, their guns beside them,

apparently keeping a lazy guard on strategic targets like bridges

Most of the soldiers, all wear-

ing the uniform of the Afghan

Army, were from tribes who do not live in the region. They had the Mongol faces and stocky bodies of men from the Soviet border.

Only on the outskirts of this city is there any sign that things may not be quite normal.

things may not be quite normal.
Recently erected tents with gun
positions in front of them skirt
the airport. An Mi24 helicopter gunship is waiting on the
tarmac beside a line of MiG
fighters. Across the roadway a
tank driver in his leather helmet lies across the turret,
dozing in the sunshine.

Lined up on the field inside
the adjoining barrack comnound is an impressive collec-

pound is an impressive collection of lorries, armoured carriers and other vehicles, all bearing the red circle of Afghanistan.

EEC holds back

worth £255,000

From Our Own Correspondent

tan on the grounds that in

present circumstances it cannot

be guaranteed to reach those sections of the population which

The decision was formally announced today by the Com-

mission after consultation with

member states. The aid consists

of 3,000 tonnes of grain and

300 tonnes of skimmed milk

The Commission also dis-

closed that it is giving urgent

consideration to a demand from the United Nations for further

emergency aid for Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

In a separate statement, the

food aid

need it.

and perrol stations.

Jalalabad, Jan 11

aware that the biggest agricultural country in the world has to depend on its main adver-sary to produce enough meat. Now that President Carter has shown that agriculture has strategic significance, it will have to be developed like bombs

and rockets. The Krewlin can no longer simply pour in money and hope for higher production: it must mobilize the country in a nat-ional effort so that never again will the Soviet Union have to place such massive orders for grain. As Tass remarked, it may well be the United States, the seller, that suffers more in

the long run.
The Russians affect a nonchalance about the embargo on oil technology which hides the Soviet energy resources quickly,

both to earn hard currency and to satisfy obligations at home and to Eastern Europe.

But again the hold-up may prove a blessing. In the Brezhnev years it has been possible to enforce the frastration sible to enforce the frustrating ideological limitations on scientific inquiry because the high technology products that were never brought to birth in the stilling atmosphere could always be bought from the

They may still come from the West. Marxists know how to ex-ploit the profit-oriented markets of capitalism better than capital-Someone will always sell But Soviet technocrats now

have a far more powerful argu-

ment to convince a hide-bound leadership that they need more freedom to encourage genuine technological innovation. As far as cultural contacts are concerned, the Russians will be spiritually poorer, but the Com-munist Party will be ideologi-cally safer by keeping fresh ideas from the West at arm's

length.

Sipping tea amid the

thud of mortar shells

length.

But one effect of the intervention will hurt: the rapprochement of the Americans and the Chinese. Fear of China is deeply embedded in every Russian. No dissident will support President Carter for forming military links with Paking.

Inside the town business

seems much as usual in the bazaar, and the feeling of nor-

mality grows stronger in the garden of one of the more well-

to-do residents. Sitting in the sunshine, sloping tea and nibb-

ling biscuits, surrounded by rose bushes in bloom and fruit-

heavy orange trees, it is easy to discount stories of violent fighting going on for this second largest city in the

Suddenly the host cocks his head. "An Mi24" he says knowledgeably. "It must be

that one we saw go off 20 min-utes ago." The helicopter roars overhead. "Only two rockets left. He must bave fired off

The fighting, he says, has

been going on for months and

has become much fiercer since

the Soviet arrival on Boxing

Day. He believes that 1,000

Soviet troops are now in the

His knowledge of the town

makes him sure that the Russians would be foolish to

because they are so uppopular. They are, therefore, all but prisoners inside the barracks and the fighting is being left to the men of the conscript

Arghan Army.

The townspeople dislike the idea of a Soviet takeover, but have never really helped the insurgents—so they are beginning to fear reprisals against them. The fact that the insurgents—so they are destricted to the second second

gents were able to cut electri-city supplies within the city for the second time last night proves they can carry out sabo-

A MiG screams past, but the resident scarcely notices. The thud of rockets and mortars can be heard above the rattle of the teacups. "Last night we could not sleep for the small-arms fire banging away on all sides", he says. "It is often like that."

tage more or less at will. A MiG screams past, but the

India takes

on invasion

From Richard Wigg

The External Affairs Minisof Mrs Gandhi, who is now

forming her government, today

revealed India's position on the

Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, one which is sharply different from that of the outgoing care-

taker Government of Mr Charan

This comes only a few days

before Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, is

due here to meet Mrs Gandhi,

who will now be formally sworn

in on Monday. Afghanistan is

expected to be the main subject

Ministry spokesman told repor-ters, has "no reason to doubt"

an assurance given by a friendly

country like the Soviet Union

that it will withdraw its troops from Afghanistan "when the

India's position goes on to

criticize the United States, em-

Afghan Government wants".

India, an External Affairs

new stand

Delhi, Jan 11

of discussion.

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barracks.

Afghan Army.

says the experienced

duction has now become a visible question of national prestalks in Moscow last autumn tige. The Russians are acutely showed that the gap with China is now unbridgeable. And it now appears that every Russian's nightmare — military encirclement by powerful enemies—has been brought that much closer.

much closer.

Fear of China is largely what clinched the Afghan decision in the first place. Soviet policy planners watched with alarm the blossoming of Sino-American friendship last year with reciprocal visits by Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese deputy Prime Minister, and Vice-President Walter Mondale,

They saw Salt crumbling while the Chinese rejoiced, and Europe rearming itself. In such situation détente with the West had no future: the Soviet Union had to act in its own national interests.

The Russians, surprised by American retaliatory measures, have nevertheless been remarkably restrained so far for

First, the leadership knows that apart from the military links with China, Mr Carter's actions do not affect Soviet

security.

Indeed, Moscow is secretly hoping for a strengthening of central authority and proWestern feeling in Pakistan. As with Iran and Afghanistan under the old king, Moscow can develop good relations with stable governments, whatever their political leanings. But the moment a left-wing revolution engulfs a country, they feel obliged to support it for almost religious feelings of ideology. The costs, as they found in Cuba years ago, can be high.
Secondly, the Russians do
not want to inflame things any
further. They may still believe
a business relationship with
America is possible, or that
military confrontation can be
contained—if not formally by
Salt treaties, then by some
other means.

other means.

Finally, the Russians know that Mr Carter's measures are more symbolic than effective. They will not change Soviet policy in Afghanistan. They have increased, rather than lessened, the American dilemma

Guerrillas

wide front

Afghan Mujahideen insurgents are continuing to resist Soviet-backed forces in running battles over much of the coun-

ing here.
From chains made by groups of insurgents some areas are firmly in their control, while

what is left of the Aighan con-

what is that or the Alghan conscript army is hard pressed on
a wide front and could not hold
on without heavy Soviet support.
According to these claims the
guerrillas have captured the
town of Telogan in the north-

east province of Takher, border-ing the Soviet Union, while heavy fighting is continuing in Badekshan which also flanks

Other groups claim to control

part of Nangrahar province, near Jalalabad, where a long battle continues. In larger towns and cities throughout the com-

and cries envoyance tree country Soviet support troops are said to be digging in to prepare for guerrilla attacks.

With the new regime in Afghanistan imposing ever stricter controls and censorship of the media it is increasingly difficult to professional transfer these structures.

difficult to verify these stories

Guerrilla propaganda contains exaggerated claims though some of their spokesmen here admit

of their spokesmen here admit they are suffering heavy losses from gunship attacks.

Journalists who arrived from Afghanistan during the past 24 hours say Soviet transport aircraft have been seen airlifting reinforcements into Kandahar province in the south. The road between there and Kabul is said

between there and Kabul is said to be besieged by guerrillas who have cut it in several places Soviet troops are understood to be moving into positions to hold the road open for essen-

rial supplies. Other sources say the Sovier build-up connues with convoys heading south from the Uzbeck and Turkoman Republics. Three divisions are thought to have

arrived during the past week, bringing the total Soviet strength to around 85,000.

Whatever the accuracy of the

claims there is reason to

believe the Soviet presence in Afghanistan is uniting the

many factions which have

been fighting communist regimes in the country for

nearly two years..

fight on

From Our Special

Correspondent Peshawar, Jan 11



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Soviet troops leave their 57mm anti-aircraft gun unattended on a hillside near Kabul while they confer in the snow.

### No casualties in limited Soviet contingent, Mr Karmal says

A Russian soldier with a red star on his fur hat stood guard outside the Chehestoon Palace in Kabul where Mr Babrak Karmal was trying to prove to the world that his country had not become a client kingdom of the Soviet Union.

A Russian tracked armoured vehicle also stood in the grounds and a Soviet anti-aircraft gun crew waited in the snow beside their weapons a hundred yards from the main door. So when Afghanistan's new

President told us that " the only tresident told us that "the only thing brighter than sunshine is the honest friendship of the Soviet Union", one could only regard it as a uniquely optimistic, if not Olympian, view of world affairs that Dr Faustus would have envied.

Even the Afahan officials

Even the Afghan officials present, however, must have wished for the presence of some subtle Mephistopheles to soften the rhetoric as Mr Karmal's press conference descended into an angry and occasionally abu-sive shouting match. The questions which the

Western press put to Mr Karmal were often more interesting than his replies, but highlights of the affair would have to Include the following statements by Afghanistan's new President: 1. Not one Soviet soldier has been killed or wounded since the Russian military interven-tion started on December 27. 2. The size of the "very limited Soviet contingent " sent to Afghanistan had been grossly

exaggerated by the "imperial-ist Western press".

3. The Soviet Union had sup-ported the "brutal" regime of President Hafizrullah Amin, who

died in the December coup, be-cause "the Soviet Union would never interfere in the internal

affairs of any country ".

that the aggressive policy of the United States—in compliance with the Peking leadership and the provocation of the reaction-ary circles of Pakistan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia—is eliminated ?.

The full flavour of Mr Karmal's press conference, however, can only be exprured by quoting extracts. Mr Martyn Lewis of Independent Television News, for example, wanted to know the details of Mr Karmal's election to the Presidency when his predeces-sor had been overthrown in a

Mr Lewis: "I wonder, could you tell us when and under what circumstances you were elected and if that election was truly democratic, why is it that Russian troops had to help you to power?" Mr Karmal: "Mr representative of British im-perialism, the imperialism that three times blatantly invaded Afghanistan, you got a rightful and deserved answer from the

people of Afghanistan. This exchange was followed by a burst of clapping from Afghan officials and Soviet correspondents. Only after this excursion into the history of nineteenth and early twentieth centuries did Mr Karmal reply by saying that during the Amin regime "an overwhelming maj-ority of the principal members of the People's Democratic

Party of Afghanistan" had elected him President. The BBC received similar treatment when Mr Gavin Hewirt of BBC Television asked Mr Karmal what percentage of the population supported him, adding that correspondents had noticed that some Afghans

viewed him with disfavour.
Mr Karmal replied: "Mr

which is the most famous propagandist liar of the world." That was all-Mr Hewitt obtained no answer to his ques-tion and neither did other correspondents, despite re-peated shouts of "answer the question "

Whether Mr Karmal expec-ted such pointed questions from moot point although most reporters had expected the attireporters had expected the attitude adopted by Mr Karmal.
This was perhaps best illustrated by his courageous, some
might even say foolhardy, assertion that "a true non-alignment for Afghanistan can be
obtained with the material and
moral help of the Soviet
Union".

Mr Karmal inhouse atti-

Mr Karmal, who was once a bitter opponent within the pro-communist People's Democratic Party of Mr Nur Mohamed Karmal now keys at the hands of the CIA, is the son of a high-ranking Pushtun army officer and he repeatedly extolled the virtues of Afghan independence.

He is a heavily built man with a prominent nose, high cheek-bones and graying hair whose enger appeared most frequently when reporters suggested, how ever, absurdly, that he might be some kind of satrap of the Soviet Union.
"The Soviet Union", he said,

"The Soviet Union", he said,
"on the basis of its peaceful
foreign policy, has always supported and advocated the
peoples of the world in their
struggle for justice, freedom
and independence".
When we left the palace an
bour later the Soviet soldiers hour later, the Soviet soldiers were still standing in the snow outside, guarding Afghanistan's President from the conspiracies

which he believes are being concocted against him.

present the Omanis are contin-ually anxious about the future. More widely, there is an obvious risk to the interests of the Western world as a whole in the narrow channel for oil tankers passing through the Straits of Hormuz, which Lord Carrington is going to view by belicopter tomorrow.

view by helicopter tomorrow. The Omanis, whose army is trained and led by about 500 British officers, are not seeking a Western military presence, still less the arrival of the American fleet.

"We want to defend ourselves", Mr Zawawi said.

"What we want is for the West to help us defend ourselves. But if the Russians intervened in the area, then we would expect a response by the Americans, to redress the balance." by the Ame

Lord Carrington's visit here is seen as a way of expressing British concern and support. Clearly, events in Afghanistan have had the effect of halting any tendency there was to reduce the British commitment to Oman. It will be maintained and where practicable be strengthened. The only limiting factor is likely to be the Omani military's capacity to the omani military's capacity to take over responsibility.

#### Britain recalls ambassador from Kabul

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

Mr Norman Hillier - Fry British Ambassador in Kabul Tarraki the assassinated President whose "marryrdom" Mr for consultations at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, it

was learnt last night. He has already left for Delhi and will fly from there to Islamabad for talks with Lord Carrington during the Foreign Secretary's tour of the Gulf states and Central Asia, before returning to London. In common with

Western countries Britain has not yet recognized the new regime in Afghanistan after the Soviet-backed coup. No date has been fixed for Mr Hillier-Fry's

return. The timing of his London visit is significant because Britain's relations with Afghanistan and with the Soylet Union are under review, and an announcement of measures which the Government intends to take is expected in Parliament next week.

These will probably comprise restrictions on trade and cul-tural exchanges.

# 18 nations seek UN action

Mr Philip Klutznik, the Sec-

review would "recognize a changed world condition in which it has become unseenly for the United States of America to continue businsess as usual with the Soviet Union".

Mr Klutznick noted that the products involved could have military applications, such as yarus used for "ballistic pro-tection and high-strength military structures, digital computing systems and peripheral enhancements for Sovie computers and seismic data processing equipment and telecommunications plant

Normally the denial of export licences is a routine affair, but the decision by the Admini-stration to call a press conference and use a Cabinet officer to announce the denials, was clearly aimed at winning maxi-

#### on withdrawal of troops New York, Jan 10.—Eighteen non-aligned states today pro-posed a United Nations Gen-eral Assembly call for the immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal of "the for-Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sanegal, eign troops" from Afghanistan.

Their resolution, aimed at the removal of Soviet forces which entered Afghanistan last month. was expected to be approved by a large majority in a vote next Monday. The assembly took up the

question yesterday in an emergency session officer a Security Council attempt to achieve withdrawal of the troops was blocked by a Soviet veto on Monday. Sponsors of the assembly

resolution were Bahrain, Bang-ladesh, Colombia, Egypt, The Gambia, Honduras, Malaysia, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Papan New Guinea, the Philippines,

No cash aid to

Sanos, Santa Arana, Senega, Singapore and Tunisia. They want the 152-pation assembly strongly to deplore "the recent anned intervention in Afganistan", as having been inconsistent with the United Nations charter principle of respect for a state's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.

Despite the previous vero, the Security Council would be called upon "to consider ways and means which could assist in the implementation of this

Earlier, during the second day of the Assembly debate on the question, Mr Oleg Troyanovsky, the chief Soviet delegate, accused the United States of using the events in Afghanistan as a pretext for a return to the cold war.—Represe.

#### China denies training Afghan insurgents

Peking, Jan 11.—China today denied an allegation by President Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan that it had trained Afghan insurgents. "The allegation is totally groundless", a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Mr Karmal was quoted by Kabul radio yesterday as saying that Chine, Iran and Pekistan had trained insurgents

Meanwhile, Mr Harold Brown, the American Defence Secretary, said here today that even if his visit to China was

for Olympics The Hague, Jan 11.-The Dutch Government will not give

Prime Minister, announced the ban after a Cabinet meeting a lead in seeking to have the

### From Frank Vogl Washington, Jan 11 The United States Govern-

Envoys may go to the Gulf states for financial belp in the name of Islam, now that the Afghan conflict has been declared a Muslim holy war. The Pakistan Times suggests that Russia has been forced to move into Afghanistan because of the international upsurge of

article says: "The moral of Soviet action in Afghanistan is simply this that the Soviet Union cousiders Islam is the only force to be reckoned with, for this is an ideology which does not abhor phasizing that the Soviet action the use cannot be viewed in isolation. defence". the use of the sword in self

### \$1,000m technology sales to Russia banned by US

ment today turned down eight applications from American companies to export approximately \$1,000m worth of high technology products to the Soviet Union.

# now being launched. The policy

Mr Philip Klutznik, the Secretary of Commerce, told a press conference that the Administration did not expect allied countries to supply Russia with the goods and services involved in today's applications. He said discussions with America's allies on trade actions against the Soviet Union were moving forward. The United Kingdom has strength to around 85,000.

Even so it seems that this force is being held in reserve as a back-up to the Afghan army, which is doing most of the fighting on the ground. If guerrilla claims are to be believed the Afghan army is dispirited and large-scale desertion continues. One group claims that so many troops have deserted that it is difficult to feed and shelter them.

Whatever the accuracy of the The United Kingdom has supported us completely and others are supporting us."

Today the Government also suspended all outstanding validated export licences for sales

to the Soviet Union and Mr mum publicity for its new Klutznick said a full-scale campaign of economic retaliareview of export policy was tion against the Soviet Union.

#### Sanctions by Japanese From Koji Nakamura

Tokyo, Jan 11 The Japanese Government

has initiated a series of anti-Soviet sanctions as a means of expressing "displeasure" at Russian actions in Afghanistan, amid apprehensive speculation that Moscow might resort to "counter-sanctions" against

Tokyo.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry has decided to ask the Soviet Union to "postpone" the proposed visit of Mr Victor Ivanov, Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, who was to visit Japan

development programmes involving Japanese credit amount-

The Japanese business com-munity had earlier resisted any economic sanctions against the whose natural resources such as lumber, coal, petroleum and natural gas are considered vital for future industrial operations of the country. But they now seem to have resigned themselves to the situation.

The economic projects in which Japan has pledged a commitment of \$750m have, howsoon to negotiate a loan agreement for three new Siberian pressure from Washington ever, so far survived the strong

# **Dutch** athletes

financial help to Dutch Olympic athletes to compete in this summer's Moscow Games because of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. Mr Andreas van Agt, the

today. Agence France-Presse. Octawa, Jan 11.—Mr Joe Clarke, the Prime Minister said today that Canada would take not eimed against anybody it who are not interested in stability and peace". 1980 Olympic Games moved from Moscow to another site .-

Below: Aldo Moro, photographed by his kidnappers, the Red Brigade, in March, 1978: no victim has ever felt more betrayed, nor voiced his sense of betrayal more publicly.



# by Caroline Moorehead

Carla Ovazza is she mother in-law of Giovanni Agnelli's only daughter. The connection with the president of Fiat, Italy's largest and most prestigious company, is tenuous in a family where there are 73 cousins, but enough for a gang of Northern Italian kidnappers to select her as victim in the late autumn of 1975. They chose her because unlike the direct Fist descendents, she was not guarded. And they could not believe that the richest man in Italy would not be shamed into paying £10m to get her back.

Signora Ovazza was seized from behind as she parked her Mini in front of her flat in Turin one winter evening after work. She was shoved brusquely into the back of a car and covered in rugs for a long, acutely uncomfortable journey that involved many car changes and frequent blows about the when she cried out for air. Late that night she found herself manacled by the ankle to a bed in a small, damp room; there was no heat, no light, and only one thin cover. She spent 35 days there, in the dark, with nothing to do, hardly able to move, often so cold s could not sleep, her ears packed with wax and covered in sticky plaster to prevent her over hearing the faintest of sounds She had high blood pres-sure, bad sinusiris, and thought

she was bound to die. Every few days she was allowed a couple of inches of freezing water to wash herself; on one occasion, the guard flung it over her in rage that the negotiations for her ransom were going so badly. Three times a day a guard brought meals, and as the days passed took to telling her that her ears were about to be chopped off and sent to Giovanni Agnelli if he did not pay up. Eventually, they cropped her hair instead and sent him that, together with photographs of her naked from the waist up.

mind, deprived of sight, hear-hacrimonius and self pitying of ing and all human contact, letters. hallucinates, she wandered No victim has ever felt more back to the days when, a Jew hetrayed, nor voiced his sense

take a little exercise, dragging her chain after her along the the fear of the promised mutilation, and when she cried out and begged her guards to keep her company, talk to her, about anything, just so that she could recall the sound of a

human voice.
And after the fear of death and torture came that of betrayal, a conviction that grew with every day that she had been forgotten. Her guards told her that her husband and sons had all gone off skiing for the Christmas holidays; it was a small step from there to force her to write a begging and humiliating letter to Giovanni Angelli's wife. "Now only you" she wrote, "with your power, can be in time to save me, to prevent me dying for an unjust cause. . I beg you to believe that this is the truth, I swear it to you on the head of Margherita and Alain and the coming grandchild that perhaps I will never have the joy of knowing.

Reproaches, written in despeir and mistrust, received with annuich.

received with anguish.
Once the actual trauma of. being kidnapped begins to dull, when the numbing sensation of sickness and disbelief fades, every victim is left only with the power of his own nature to help him endure what is to come. Some have survived by prayer, some by routine, most by a ferocious personal battle against despair. But the terror of betrayal, of having been forgotten and left to die alone, is possibly the most painful of sensations and certainly the one Signora Ovazza was not a particularly robust woman, and already in her mid-fifties, but she survived. In conditions that bave come to be called "sen-bave deprivation", when the growing bitterness and paranoia sory deprivation", when the

back to the days when, a Jew betrayed, nor voiced his sense ish refugee from fascist Italy, of betrayed more publicly, than she escaped to America with Aldo Moro, leader of the Italian her family. She struggled to Christian Democrat Party and at the time of his kidnapping by the Red Brigades in Rome moor in complete darkness.

Most of all, she dreaded the as Italy's next President. The long nights, the space between man who was a great conciliation, next morning at nine when she could not sleep for cold and the fear of the promised. moroismo (persuading those of opposing views that they really agree) could be forgiven for assuming that in this, as in everything else, the Italian government was flexible.

Aldo Moro was kidnapped just after nine o'clock one morning during a short drive from the church of Santa Chiara in Monte Mario where he had taken communion to Parliament. where he was to attend the debate on the first Italian government ever to be supported openly by the Communist Party, something that had come about largely through his persuasion. But while the country showed its horror in a vast manhunt for his kidnappers and in a strike that closed schools, fac-tories and offices, the Government found another type of unity in an absolute determin-ation not to make political con-cessions in exchange for his life. The first notice of the Red

Brigades terms for Moro's re-lease came not from them, but in a letter from, Moro to his eld friend, Francesco Cossiga, then Minister of the Interior. The letter was cautious, rational in tone. In it, with considerable dignity, Moro explained that he was on trial both for his own political misdeeds and in the name of the entire Christian Democrat leadership. There was no threat, just an underlying warning of impending con-fessions. But they are already the words of a man who is adapting to his captors, who is beginning to see kidnapping and

imes of war."

As the days, and then the weeks, passed and Moro came o realize that the very Govern ment be had fought so hard to create was going to be united against saving his life, so the dignity faltered. The photographs the Red Brigades took of him under their lopsided five pointed star show his pained smile and lethargic expression grow still more languid. When April 20, the Government refused to release 13 political prisoners in return for Moro's life, the letters to the party bitter. are decisive . . ." Zaccagnini secretary "You will never throw this weight of guilt off your shoulders." On April 24 came the cry of a man finally betrayed. of a man who has been

"The Christian Democrats"
wrote "should not delude he wrote. emselves that by liquidating Moro they have got rid of the problem. I shall be there as an inescapable point of con-frontation and dissension. . . . Because of this, because of ou

evident incompatibility. I ask that neither the powers of the State nor the men of the party attend my funeral. I ask that I be followed only by the few who really wish me well and are thus worthy to accompany me with their prayers and with

That day, 50 of Moro's friends signed a statement and issued it to the papers. "This is not the Moro we knew" they declared. "with the spiritual, political and constitutional vision that went into drawing up our Republic." Moro was now declared sick.

Long after it was useless, long after the Government had declared beyond all possible doubt that there was no deal to be made, Moro kept fighting for his life. In a letter to his wife published only much later, after his body had been found wedged sideways in the boot of a car, but probably written at the end of April, he was still searching wildly for solutions. Go to the Parliamentary groups, he begged. See if they won't split the Government and support me. If that fails, how abor. placing me in one of the new high security prisons while a deal with the Red Brigades is worked out? It is as if the as he is whirled away shouting and protesting in the eye of a



z chancy business to be a diplomat or a foreigner working in Latin record company in Paris, told me that when he was kidnapped company with a name like Exxon or Ford people kid-nupped by guerrillas were no longer quite so unprepared. By the early 1970's the old Auglo-South American clubs of Montevideo and Buenos Aires were full of members recounting their favourite kidnapping full of members recounting their favourite kidnapping story. So as the hood closed over their heads, or the stalled car in front revealed four masked gunmen, victims took to remembering their predecessors in the people's prisons and rehearsing in their minds the instructions their security officers had given them. Geoffrey Jackson, British

Ambassador to Uruguay, had known that it was coming. He had watched the new guerrilla tactic stealing southwards and suspected a couple of recent curious telephone calls and an offer to sell cheap wine as well as an unusual number of near collisions in his car as of near collisions in his car as a prelude to kidnapping. He was therefore calm, and not particularly surprised when on Jamuary 8, 1970, a group of Tupamaros stopped his car as he was driving to work, knocked out his chauffeur, handcuffed his wrists, gave him an anti-teranus injection and an anti-tetanus injection and led him off to a cage one metre wide and two metres long. In Jackson, there was something of the Christian martyr pre-paring to die. "I felt a princi-ple was at stake," he ex-plained several years later. "I felt a growing sense of ourrage about this new technique of going for diplomats. It had to be stopped. I hoped that if I were taken I would get through to the international community and coalesce all nations." In a sense, he did. His behaviour is remembered all over the world. Geoffrey Jackson spent 244

days upholding his belief, filthy, sometimes hungry, occasionally frightened, but adament. When his hooded juilors derided the Queen, Jackson admonished them. They apologized. "A modus vivendi was my policy. We talked. I sketched little caricatures of them, we played cards. But I avoided all favour seeking, all

subservience."

He kept going by taking exertise, speculating on possible improvements to his surroundings, drawing up a calendar so open ended it left no room for dreams of release and reading beginning to see kionapping and discuss of release and resume blackmail not as a statesman does but in the terms of the guerrillas who had captured him. The sacrifice of the intimate a relationship building imposents in the name of an up, he had time to grow fond order came they would kill him, but as the months went by he sensed that it would pain them

to carry out the execution. most terrorist groups have had in common more than the ideo-logy of their captors and the conditions in which they are kept: Many have shared Jack-son's obduracy and courage, his determination never to beg or plead, a stubborn integrity that became, sometimes, a credo for survival in captivity. Early on in his eight month sentence Geoffrey Jackson set certain rules about how his kidnappers were to address him. He would answer to "Jackson" or "Secon" or "Call No

answer to "Jackson" or "Señor" but not to "Cell No 10". Neither he, nor a Napolitan judge called di Gennaro held by a terrorist group in Rome would drink with their jailors. When a young man mocked di Gennaro for accept-ing a cigarette with the words "You're spoilt", the judge gave him back the cigarette. Filthy, smelly, somerimes half naked what sustained these men was a belief in the superiority of self discipline.



For most captives, held for however short a time, and in whatever conditions, the probwhatever conditions, the prob-lem, once they dare to hope that they will live, is boredom-Stark, empty, often blind hours of nothing. They do not even know how much time has passed, since kidnappers invar-iably remove their hostages' watches, saying that an obses-sion with passing time makes them more restless. It is the them more restless. It is the individual ingenuity of captives to handle this condition that rakes each account unique.

Luigi Rossi di Montelera, heir to the Rossi and Martini for-tune, spent four months in an underground pit, with water dripping off the ceiling. Within days of his capture he had de-vised a clock. He noticed that the overflow down a pipe in one corner of his cell seemed to occur in a regular cycle, and worked out that it must be worked out that it must be caused by ice melting in the hotter air of morning. (As it turned out, he got it wrong: later he had the intense pleasure of discovering that he had been living 36 hour days.) Aldo Cannovale, another Italian, started out the first day of his 11 day sentence drawing up a timetable; he did everything as slowly as he could and punctu-ated hours of menual games with regular physical exercise. He was delighted when his kidnappers brought him roy model aeropianes to build.

and held for 10 days in 1975 by a criminal gang, he revisited in his mind Casablanca where he was born, but which he had left at the age of 20. In his middle fifties, manacled to a bed in total darkness, he spent pleasant hours rewalking streets he had not thought about for over 30 years, entering shops, pausing to buy presents and drink in the cares.

Another businessman, Fernando Toudi, kidnapped near his factory in Siniscola in Sardinia, resolutely ignored the absolute refusal of his james to speak to him. He spoke to them instead, endlessly, hour after hour, about sport and politics, trade and tourism, food, women, astronauts, anything he could think of.

Indeed for some victims of political kidnappings the solution to boredom has lain in the kidnappers themselves: sheltered but decent and hard working American executives have been astonished and fascinated to discover that the guerrillas they had always assumed to be thugs were in fact polite and highly educated university graduates only too eager to engage them in well researched discussions about the economics and politics of their country. But in the end all hostages wish to exhaust themselves and sleep. even if sleep brings nightmares. Geoffrey Jackson regularly dreamt that the back helf of a black cat walked across his cell. By day, there is food to think about. Carla Ovazza concentrated almost with excitement on every coming meal: would there be hot milk? an apple? Luigi Rossi di Mon-telera in his account of his captivity, lingers lovingly over the Caprice des Dieux, the Brie and the Camembert, the meat, and the Camembert, the meat, chicken and passa, the different sorts of wine, whisky and champagne his otherwise tacitum and indifferent guards suprisingly brought him. In the absence of light, smell, touch and sound, taste becomes extraordinarily important.

Health, too, has come to obsess people who are kidnapped. Each irregular beartbeat could spell an attack, signal the arri-

spell an attack, signal the arrival of death, alone, abandoned. val of death, alone, abandoned, forgotten. Carla Ovanza begged for tranquilizers and sleeping pills to lessen the horrors of the nights. And yet a few bostages have also lost symptoms that had plagued them for years. A middle-aged man in Sardinia told me that he had been a severe asthmatic all his life; in the damp, draughty mountain cave where he apont

been more important than any fear of death or misery of boredom. For the first three days of his captivity Louis boredom. For the first three days of his captivity Louis Hazan refused to loosen his tie preferring to lie on his bed fully dressed in a three piece suit. When his jailors asked what they could get for him, he requested a tin of Quickies, a flamel and a razor. It was one flannel and a razor. It was one way of combatting the sense of disgust, of having been sullied.
"The strongest feeling I had" one man told me, "was that I had become nothing but a bit of property to be haggled over".

And yet no amount of mental exercises, no memories of childhood prayer have in the end protected any hostage from sudden onslaughts of terror, cold instants of panic when the footstep outside the cell has meant a guard come to kill, the funny taste in the coffee a drug from which there may be no return. "For the first 48 hours return. "For the first 48 hours
I did not dare go to sizep"
one hostage told me. "Every
click, every sound meant disaster". He described it as a state
of "constant moral violence."
By relentless daily routine
Luigi Rossi di Montelera kept
his morale remarkably high.

One day he was told that the ransom had been paid and that he would be released. He got ready, No one came. When he realized it was all a mistake he collapsed, miserable, deressed, confused.

When a girl called Rossella ossini was released in San Rossini was Martino in 1973 she explained: Nothing counts during a kid napping any more except that slow, strange understanding that you have managed to survive one more hour, one more



On the morning of August 23, 1973 an escaped Swedish convict called Jan-Erik Olsson walked into the main office of one of Stockholm's largest banks, the Sveniges Kreditbank, carrying a submachine gun. He took several hostages, two of them young girls. During the six days of their captivity these prisoners developed a curious affection for the gunman and a fellow convict who had come to join him, an intimacy and a reliance on the men, and a corresponding sullenness that wards everyone else, that puzzled the police and psychisrists who waited to free them. As the gunmen were finally being led off by the police one of the girls rose up from the stretcher on which she was lying and called out "Clark, that. Now you have give I'll see you again." Long afterwards, Olsson explained to the police that he could never have killed his hostages: he had got

Some time later the phrase "Stockholm syndrome" was coined, probably in America, to explain this strange affection the victims of kidnappings and sieges come to feel for the people who hold them prisoner, and the kidnappers for their hostages. "I wish I could work for someone like you" a Cala-brian kidnapper said rather wistfully to a Milanese business man he was guarding. And on the morning the gunmen of the Indonesian Consulate siege in the Hague surrendered, one of them wrote on a girl hostage's T-shirt: "We are like two trees. Fate separates us. The road runs between us, but our hands reach across it." Thirteen days before, he had held a gun at her head until she became hysterical.

to know them too well.

In victims, what starts as a primitive urge for survival can turn into fondness. Psychia-trists explain it as a return to infancy, to the days when the human baby depends on others for survival. Another explanation is that since it is impos-sible to sustain the agony and arriety of being a victim, the person who is kidnapped soon makes the jump, identifies with his captor, and in order to keep his self esteem, convinces himself that the captor is not a who needs understanding and sympathy. One of the hostages held by

the South Moluccans on the train from Groningen in 1975 was a newspaper editor called Gerard Vaders. Months after the ordeal was over, and he was back in his newspaper office, Vaders told an American psychiatrist called Frank Ochberg, "You had to fight a certain feeling of compassion for the Moluccans. I know this is not natural, but in some way they came over as human. They gave us cigarettes. They gave us blankets. But we also recognized that they were killers. nized that they were miners. You try to suppress that in your consciousness. . I also knew that they were victims as we were. Even more. You saw their morale crumbling. . . You couldn't help but feel a certain the begincouldn't help but feel a certain pity. For people at the beginning with egos like gods—impregnable, invincible—they end up small, desperate, feeling eil that was in vain."

The form the affection takes, psychiatrists say, is determined by the age and sex of laidnesper and victim. Judge di Gennaro and Geoffrey Jackson both spoke of their guards as if they were the misguided children of

abstract principle is inadmis of his jailors. "I kept a reserve several weeks, his asthma after his cular and sometimes patronising way. In women, the affection, but the exchange of some prisoners of war (war or guerrilla warfare, if you prefer), which is common practice in times of war."

I kept a reserve several weeks, his asthma after his cular and sometimes patronising way. In women, the affection has on occasion turned into dressed, has for some hostages were kids. I was a middle aged dressed, has for some hostages providing a way of coping with the intense insecurity. A magistrates of war." several of the cases where the handled. victim was a young girl, it would have been possible to have added a charge of rape to that of kidnapping. The girls had refused, ashemed and embarrassed about the possible ublicity.

One of the most publicized cases of recent years in Italy was that of Giovanna Aman, the 18-year-old daughter of inema proprietor. In the weeks following her release two bunches of red roses were delivered to Giovanna's home in Rome. They came from her kidnapper. Finally the girl agreed—perhaps she never agreed, no one knows for cer-tain—to lay a trap for him. He tain—to lay a trap for him. He
did not turn up for the first
meeting, in front of the
Cofiseum. But he came to the
second, by the Majestic cinema
in the Via Barberini, and there
the police picked him up. In
tears, Giovanne shouted out:
"Daniel, Daniel, why are they
arresting you?" She told
reporters that he had given her
en Easter egg.
Now that the Stockholm syndrome has entered popular
psychology, and many kidup for the first front of the

psychology, and many kid-nappers and victims have neard all about the softening influences of prolonged contact, there has been a shift in the rules. Now, wary kiduappers try to avoid intimacy, learful lest it should influence the tough line they intend to take. Victims on the other hand try consciously to build up a rela-tionship with their captors, sking entreme care not to pro voke rage by contentious and critical remarks.

The intimacy, the breakdown of pride, does not however come easily to every hostage. The Stockholm syndrome can-not be fabricated out of hostility and rage. It has taken the certainty of death to release in some victims the very signs of humanity that then makes it impossible for their captors to kill them. Sitting on his wooden bed in a cellar beneath Rome, held by people who seemed to take pleasure in tormenting him, Judge di Gennaro gradually became cerbe allowed to live.

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"There is fear when you have some hope" he told me. "None when that has gone. I realized that it was useless to plead. I felt myself to be a sort of sacrificial victim, and I felt too a kind of satisfaction that I would be killed for the right things that I had done. Then I said to them: 'You have provided me with a valuable experience. I was brave when I was young in the war. I have since lost that Now you have given me a chance to be brave again.



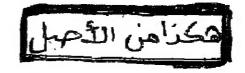
I asked everyone I spoke to whether the experience had altered them. Most started by denying it. But then Alfredo Danesi, the Italian coffee beir, told me that until he was kid-napped he was both very ambitious, and extremely oversensitive about what his colleagues and friends thought about him. Now he does not mind anything quite so much; he does not work such long hours, nor plan so eagerly for the future. Judge di Gennaro said that he no longer gets augry. "I enjoy things more, but at a distance, as if detached."

The loss of ambition and mild indifference to life have been so widely noticed that some large companies have been reluctant to entrust executives who were kidnapped ever again with positions of responsibility. It is not just that some have been physically weakened by the ordest, nor that companies have had to part with fortunes to get them back. It is some-thing subtler, to do with con-fidence, caring about wordly success. "We had to get him out," an American official has

success. "We had to get him out," an American official has been quoted as saying about a kidnapped senior member of his staff. "He would have destroyed morale."

Psychiatrists do not agree on whether it is better to get released hostages to talk out their experience, or let them forget it. Those who do talk make it plain that the Stockholm syndrome is something that lasts long after the release. Even so, it is hard for parents who watched a siege on television with loathing for the men who were holding their daughter prisoner, to hear her say calmly later how kind they were to her and how fond she grew of them. Glovanna Amati's father, first disbelieving, then horrified, as the truth about his daughter's feelings for the gangster kidnapper came out, said at last that he believed she had gone med.

Caroline Moorehead has based this article on her book For tune's Hostages, Kidnapping in the World Today, which is published next Thursday by Hamish Hamilton at £8.95.



### NEW YORK NOTEBOOK Clive Barnes

### **Eternal Oklahoma**

The theatrical image I shall Perhaps the best news of maintain of the change of the decade oddly enough came the zest of an original. This is from television. It was the sight, on a television newscast. of the current Broadway com-pany of Oklahoma lined up by the footlights and singing, incongruously but appropriately. the title song from the Sound of Music. It was, of course, a tribute to the late emperor of the Broadway musical, Richard Rodgers. Indeed the sound of his music has echoed through our lives-we have lived by it, loved by it, and are all mea-surably the poorer by his death, while immeasurably the richer for his life. His immor-rality will be in the voices of

There is little point to add here to the obituaries. The man will be remembered as long as music is re-membered. His tunes, with their sweet simplicity went swiftly to our hearts and lifted up our spirits. With hundreds of songs and two great periods—Rodgers and Hart and Rodgers and Hammerstein—he transformed the shape, the style and more the shape, the style, and, most of all, the seriousness of the American musical theatre.

Last season he had a sort of failure with / Remember Mama, starring Liv Ullmann. I say sort of failure because although it lost a Shaikh's ransom in cash, and ran a fugitively short time, it had some lovely songs in it—given miserably short-shrift by most of our New York critics, not always most distinguished for their musical sensibilities. always most distinguished for their musical sensibilities. However, just a few days before he died, Rodgers must have had the considerable satisfaction of discovering that Oklahoma was still a major hir. I wonder if he took ironic note of the fact that in 1979 the dear old musical got far more notices than it ever received when it was fresh as paint in 1942. Not that it is not as fresh as paint today but now it has at last been caught up by the enobling forces of

The thing that strikes everyone—except the tone-deaf and stone-deaf—about Oklahoma is the score. Virtually every number is a hit—something that was never achieved before, Showboat and Porguand Bess coming closest, and has only been achieved once after, with My Fair Lady. But in a way what was more im-portant, and what made Okla-homa such a landmark in the musical theatre, was its new homogeneity, its specific blend of music, drama and dance, and its new seriousness. Some of this was at least foreshadowed in Rodgers and Hart's-controversial Pal Joey, but Oklahoma was the break-

Curiously enough when the show was new in 1943 the critics of the time liked it well enough but had little idea of its implications or revolutionary spirit. Stark Young, for example, wrote: "It reminds show...." And when Okla-homa made it to London four years later, although the years later, although the reviews were more enthusiastic, the then senior reviewer, James Agate, was still able to sum it up as: "Bouquet, yes; body, no". The present Broadway production is not exactly a reproduction of the original, but it is not far removed. The new scenery by Michael J. Hotopp and Faul de Pass looks pretty much like the old, as do the new costumes by Bill Gar-

The new version—I hate the word revival, no one ever talks about a revival of Rigoletto—has been directed with a sort of traditional pizzazz by William Hammerstein, the author's son, Agnes de Mille's choreography has been recreated by Gemze de Lappe, and Miss de Mille has personally supervised the entire show. This is totally appropriate, for de Mille's contribution to the musical's entire fabric was, and is, essential. The curious thing is that the long ballet sequence, that special dream ballet "Laurie makes up her mind", is the one part of the musical that seems dated. The rest of the dancing, beautifully melded into the production and was, in its time, trail-blazing. its time, trail-blazing.

largely due to a young and talented cast. Laurence Guittard, with his strong baritone voice and easy charm, is one of the best Curlys I have ever encountered—you can almost see his horse. Christine Andreas, round, plump, bouncy and wholesome, makes a lovely Laurie, Will Parker and Chris-tine Ebersole are hayseed delights as Will Parker and the cannot-say-no girl, Ado Annie. Martin Vidnovic makes an impressively malevolent Jud (recalling Rod Steiger in the movie) and Bruce Adler is cheerfully perky as the unput-downable Peddler, Ali Hakim. The most authentic perfor-

mance, however, came from Mary Wickes as Aunt Eller apart from the fact that she looks remarkably like Miss de Mille herself and has almost de Mille's style and manner, her pioneer presence and nononsense lovability illuminates the whole show.

The new production of Nutcracker in Los Angeles is highly ambitious. The company, directed by former New York City Ballet principal, John Clifford, has been running for five years now, largely despite a generally hostile local press. The Nutcracker, which cost \$400,000, was a major adventure once again dismissed curture, once again dismissed cur-sorily by the local scribes. A pity this, because the company has its own freshness and energy—brash and Californian in style in this rather like the San Francisco ballet—and the production is of unusual



John Clifford: classic ensembles

The company's young musical director, Clyde Ailen, is also a composer and musicologist, and he undertook a great deal of research on the original Nuteracker. Some of Petipa's notes to Tchaikovsky have been known a long time in the West, but here Dr Allen obtained a complete translation from Soviet Russia—in fact a translation of the Russian translation of Peripa's original French—and Clifford has used these mericulously in the first act, matching every movement to the music, and complying with Petipa's requests (for two devil-dolls, for example) to the letter. The result is both engrossing and dramatic. Elsewhere Clifford has bor-

rowed here and there from his own alma mater, the Balanchine School, but invented a few gracefully classic ensembles of his own, and uses the children picked up from local schools—with exceptional vivacity. One fascinating musivivacity. One fascinating musical novelty is the first inclusion of the "English Dance" in the devertisement, which has never been dused in any production before. The piano score is an addendum to the Soviet orchestral score, and Dr Allen took it away and orchestrated it. The results are most winning—I recommend it to any Nutcracker production, a charming Gigue which deserves the widest circulation. I saw four casts in the princi-pal roles—enough to convince me that in five years these Angelenos are adding a new colour to the total spectrum of continental American dance. It would be fun to see it in gen-



#### Travel

### Going French in the Caribbean

Martinique is not merely the Windward chain, have been French. It is France. It is, turn and to some extent still are ing John Donne's proposition on its head, an island which is reflecting this in their steaks "a piece of the continent, a and salads and barbecue meals part of the main". A full Martinique—in a typical reflecdepartment whose destiny is decided in Paris, not Fort de rance, its own capital since 1902. Contemplate its Caribbean beaches, sip some rum concoction under a thatched shelter on the shore, travel through its banana plantations, and the incongruous thought intrudes that this island is also an outpost of the European Community. (Not the farthest outpost, incidentally. That distinction goes to Reunion in the Indian Ocean.)

Because it is an integral part of France, there are no dury free drinks or purchases on the nine hour flights from Paris and if you come to it, as I did, with your anticipations based on visits to other Caribbean islands—islands—islands upon which the British have left their mark-Martinique can be something of a shock. How easy it is to assume all Caribbean islanders speak English of a sort. How understandable to expect cricket pitches and driving on the left. And what a jolt to land up on such an island and discover the game being played

to a different set of rules.

The largest of the Windward Isles, Martinique is, like others, volcanic. Man has had to help nature create the kind of beaches that tourists prefer. There are natural beaches, of course, along the west coast, and the road which runs from Fort de France north to St Pierre will take you to them. But their sands are dark and in any case a crop of modern hotels has sprung up on the shore near Anse Mitan and Anse a l'Ane, south across the bay from Fort de France, where beaches have been created—tidier and whiter than the

natural ones, and somehow more typically French. The hotel in which I stayed was part of this complex, the four star Bakoua Beach. Comfortable rather than luxurious and next door to the Hotel Meridien. Both provide plenty of beach amusements and amenities, with hotel guests having free use of the sailboats and windsurfers. I found myself inevitably comparing the hotels with those I have used on other islands, trying to find out in whet way they differed. I concluded that although I have stayed in "smoother" establishments in Barbados, St Lucia. Antigun or Tobago, the service in Martinique was the best 1 had ever encountered and the food also reflected that French influence.

I have to take great care when writing of "French" food, the more so when writing of it in the context of the Caribbean. My conclusion—at least, the only conclusion I am prepared to pass on—is that the food was what you would expect of any decent hotel along the coast of "European" France, with little concession to Caribbean or Creole traditions. Eat away from the hotels and you are more likely to ancounter the Creole influence, but hotels and res-taurants alike reflect the cominfluence.

Martinique—in a typical reflec-tion of the French character makes no such concessions, and in any case few Americans go there, apart from those whose cruise ships call in at Fort de France. (Writing of food, and recalling the dining room at the Rakoua Beach. I remember that conversation was over-whelmingly French-the various accents of visitors from La Metropole and the efforts of French Canadians, labouring under the delusion that it was all the same language.)

I mentioned that the island is volcanic. In April and May of 1902 Mt Pelée, the volcano which forms the northern part of the island, erupted, and on May 8 its eruption over-whelmed the town of St Pierre, then the capital, killing some 40,000 people. Molten lava and ashes devastated the town and a number of ships in the harbour were also destroyed. Today a museum provides the visitor with graphic evidence of the tragedy and one may also see the ruins as well as the new houses which have been built on the site. One of the most interesting accounts the most interesting aspects of the terrible event—at least, I find it so—is that the only survivor escaped death because he was protected by the thick walls of the condemned cell in the local jail. Joseph Sypanis was his name and, according to some versions of the story, he was to have been guillotined the next day. In any event he was pardoned and went to the United States where he joined Barnum and Bailey's Circus. He died in 1950.

I came to St Pierre, having driven north from Fort de France along the coast road I mentioned earlier. As with just about every other island, all roads seem to lead to the capital, and the local tourist office uses Fort de France as office uses Fort de France as the starting point for a number of suggested circuits touristiques. The first is that which takes you through Schoelcher (a small town named for the Alsatian chiefly responsible for the emancipation of the French slaves in 1848) and then through the fishing villages of Case-pilote and Bellfontaine, inland through le Morne Vert, then back to the coast and the then back to the coast and the little village of Carbot. After this comes St Pierre and the route continues inland to le Morne Rouge and then south to Fort de France. In all, half a dozen such routes cover the entire island.
One of them will take you to

La Pagerie, a little way inland from the south shore of Fort de France bay-and close to the Bakoua Beach and Meridien hotels, incidentally. It was here that Marie-Joseph-Rose Tescher was born and brought up. As Napoleon's Empress Josephine she is without doubt the island's most famous inhabitant and visitors dutifully trek to the location of the old house. Unfortunately it has long since vanished (destroyed by a hurricane) and the family sugar mill is a ruin. However the old a museum and a visit there is terms with Air France Holidays. So many other islands, especi-certainly worthwhile. Not that (a supplementary payment of Se many other islands, especi- certainly worthwhile. Not that (a supplementary parment of ally those farther north along the museum is particularly £111 purchasing half bound

good, but there is a distinct accommodation), shortage of "attractions" on weeks with Twick viding an alternative to the companies.

the buy, a ferry service runs each hour in each direction, taking some 20 minutes. Far better to use this transport than take your hire car into the town's narrow and crowded streets. At the beginning of this

article, I established the essential "Frenchners" of Martinique, and this is certainly its attraction. It was nor always French, of course. Like so many other islands in that part of the world it was fought over and was in fact captured by the British in 1794. We finally, and generously, gave it back to the French after beating them at Waterloo. (A little way off the south coast is Diamond Rock, the location of a most remarkable adventure by the Royal Navy in 1804.)

However, the island's " Frenchness" is its attraction, especi-ally for anyone who has visited other. Caribbean destinations and may have felt that all were pretty much alike.

According to the Freuch Tourist Office—at 178 Piccadilly, London-seven tour companies offer inclusive holidays to Martinique. Until next March, two weeks can be had for £524 on bed and breakfast Until next

weeks with Twickeninam Travel Martinique, and a trip to la starts at £741, on half board Pageric helps while away a terms. No doubt a travel agent morning or an afternoon, pro- will supply you with the browill supply you with the bro chures of these and other

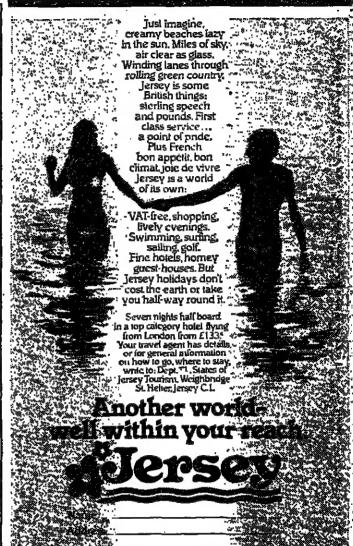
Fort de France is not par-ticularly attractive, but has to be visited for its shops, I sup-pose. If you do stay south of priced return air ticket to a priced return air ticket to a neighbouring "British" island -Barbados, say, or St Lucia, and then arrange separately Martinique and your accommo week on either of those islands with a week on Martinique. have not closely investigated the economics of the sami "do ir yourself" arrangement, but think a lower final cost might be achieved. The Bakoua Beach and the Meridien botels are represented by booking agencies in London, as are other hotels on the island. Again, a travel agent will have the details.

> I can think of no particular guide book to recommend, al though some guides are avail-able on the island itself. However, if you want to capture something of the atmosphere of past events there, you should read Ramage's Diamond, by Dudley Pope, which Fontana published as a paperback in 1977. The novel is based on the 1804 exploit of Commodore Samuel Hood who took possession of Diamond Rock, off the island's south coast, in order to blockade the French fleet, " One of the legends of the Royal Navy in the Caribbean, is how Dudley Pope rightly describes the exploit.

> > John Carter



St Pierre and the volcano Mont Pelée which crupted in 1902





#### Gardening

### Long, trouble-free lives

My recent comment that most gardeners, like most motorists, gardeners, like most innertists, were interested in reliability and freedom from constant cosseting of their plants or cars, a number of friends and readers have asked me to sug-gest long lived trouble free plants. This I will attempt to plants. This I will attempt to do although one must not be too dogmatic because some plants thrive and last for many years in some soils but tend to languish or dwindle away on others. When I was in the seed trade in the 1930s we had our large seed trial ground at Fel-tham in Middlesex. It was very

light soil overlying gravel-indeed it was surrounded by gravel pits. There plants of the balloon flower Plantscodon grandi-florum about 2ft high with masses of balloon shaped light blue buds opening to saucer shaped flowers 11 across had flourished for many years. It was less happy at Hurtmore and my wife has tried often to grow it on our heavier soil near Enfield with indifferent

Another perennial that lux-uriated at Feltham was the low growing evening primrose growing evening primrose Oenothera missouriensis, sometimes offered as O. macro-carpa. It had made plants a yard across over many years and it covers itself with yellow flowers 3in across from June to September. The whole plant is only about 6in high and is an excellent weed smotherer.

Oriental poppies must be included in any list of long lived generally trouble free plants. I have known beds of Papaver orientale 30 years and more old. The only trouble is that they flop about after flowering and are rather untidy but they do not seem to mind having their flower stems cut right down after flowering.

The genus Phlox is also fairly reliable although the herbaceous border species and varieties can suffer from eel-worm and occasionally one or two diseases. Plants free from eelworm are obtained by propagating from root cuttings and if your plants are affected by these pests it is best to get rid of them, buy new stock and grow it in a different spot. Herbaceous phloxes are very shallow rooted and need a good 2in or 3in mulch of peat, mushroom compost or some-thing similar each spring. They are usually the first herba-

flagging in dry spells. delightful inconsistencies. The dworf or alpine species and varieties seem to need dif-

fering conditions. One of my favourites is P. subulata with its varieties "Apple Blossom", pale pink, "Bouita", lavender blue and "Scarlet Flame". In my clay garden at Grays-wood we had great patches of it 2ft to 3ft across. On the light Hurtmore soil it Just would not spread and in our garden now it is very happy.

Another plant that my father grew with no trouble and which flourishes with us is the scarlet Zauschneria californica. It is sometimes said to be half It is sometimes said to be half hardy and it certainly thrives in a well drained sheltered spot and perhaps best of all at the base of a south facing wall. It grows about 18in high and produces sprays of bright red flowers from August to October. The old stems are cut down in March.

One of the most easy going and trouble free genera is Hosta formerly known as Funkia. True, slugs may be a bit of a nuisance chewing the young shoots in spring, but a watering or two with a liquid slug killer usually takes care

Hostas, or plantain lilies do best in a semi-shady spot in soil that, while never lying waterlogged, does not dry out in summer. If there is danger of it becoming too dry for their comfort one must be prepared to water regularly and adequately. Hostas are mainly grown for their foliage but flowers usually lilac, mauve or even white. My favourites are H. fortunei "Aureo-marginata" with with a golden margin to the green leaf; H. sieboldiona with large mid green leaves; and H. ventricosa "Variegata" which has dark green and yellow leaves—very effective. H. crispula is another charming species with neat white edges to the green leaves and H. undulate has large wavy leaves with irreg-ular white and green markings. All the variegated hostas keep their colouring best in light shade. This is curiously unlike some plants such as the golden form of Lonicera nitida "Baggesens' Gold " and other plants with gold, silver or variegated foliage which tend to revert to green unless they receive plen-tiful sunlight. However, nature

Most, but not all red hot poker-species and varieties of Kniphofia come into our category of long lived generally trouble free plants. They do not like ground that lies wet in winter, otherwise they are nor fussy about soil. I like to tie the leaves of mine together, wigwam fashion in December winter wat and severe frosts.

Where there is plenty of space varieties like "Samuel's Sensation", red, will reach 5ft and K. uvaria, orange red and will be a series of the series of t

"Eees Lemon" is a daintier variety about 3 ft and "Bees Sunsat", orange-flame, is also Sunsat", orange-tiame, is also an elegant variety slightly dwarfer. The cream white "Maid of Orleans" I have planted twice and lost it in severe winters. Maybe a thick mulch of half decayed leaves or peat would have saved it and in colder districts as mulch and in colder districts a mulch in surumn might be a good idea with the modern hybrid

yellow, will grow to 3ft oc

kniphofias. There are to be two large international flower shows this year—the Floralies at Ghent in

Belgium from April 20 to 27; and the Canadian Montreal International Floralies from May 17 to September 1. The Ghent show is held in a vast building. At Montreal there will be a large indoor show in the Olympic Park Velodrome from May 17 to 29 while among the vast outdoor features will be a half acro "bog" consisting of cubic metre blocks of peat lifted last spring while still frozen solid and relaid, reassembled in proper sequence following a number ing pattern.
This area will contain a large number of bog plants in-

cluding insect eating plants. The Gardeners' Sunday organization that arranges for many gardens to be open in aid of the two gardeners' charities report another suc-cessful year in 1979 despite the poor weather in the spring and early summer. A total o £16,245 has been distributed to the charities. This is only £740 less than the record total of £16,985 in 1978 which was greatly helped by the £1,000 from the special opening of the gardens at Frogmore.

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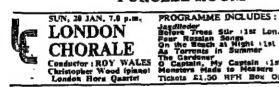
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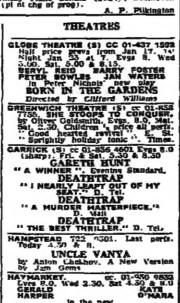
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ect. Barriers tackles the kind of subject to which I believe a responsible broadcasting service should address itself more often than our radio does and the same might be said of David Winter's productions, God in my Language, currently repeat-ing on Radio 4 (Saturdays) but

# A mystifying success

The Amitgville Horror, the film about mildly supernatural mani-festations in the New York suburbs which is now mystify-ing London audiences with its huge American success, is a dogged story of transatlantic ambition and determination.

It is a first feature film for its experienced producer Elliot Geisinger who was desperately casting Amityville in New York with one hand while trying to make the television documentary of John Schlesinger's Yanks over here with the other. He ary of John Schlesinger's Yanks over here with the other. He knew the story first-hand from journalist Jay Anson who wrote the best-selling book and had worked in his office, and he boldly offered it to such directors as our own Nic Roeg, who turned it down—in horror. Stu Rosenberg, a director with long Hollywood television experience snapped it up. Geisinger raised \$5 million to make the film and at last count it had made \$60 million, of which star James Brelin, better known as one of the doctors in the Marcus Welby television series was canny enough to have a percentage.

Brolin plays George Lutz, a real-life hero of the tale, himself a canny fellow. He and his wife Kathy travel round the world in great style in the wake of the film's openings to vouch for the fact that Amityville was truly horrible. They are the couple who moved into the house on Ocean Avenue in the friendly Long Island community of Amityville which had been of Amityville which had been
the scene of a sextuple murder,
and moved out within a month.
On meeting them George only
recommends you to read his
forthcoming book about it, while
Kathy says she has not seen the
film and so can make no comparisons with her own experiences. Green slime appeared on
the carpets she semembers the the carpets, she remembers, the bathrooms turned black, there were fluctuations of 50 degrees in the central heating and the dog tried to escape from his kennel and banged himself, though not fatally, on his lead. The film critic of the New Yorker described these things translated on to celluloid as "The Amityville Nuisance". "The Amityville Nuisance". Legend has obviously played the greatest part in the whole story. For instance, it was widely reported in the States that Brolin, who is tall, angular and dark was cast for his amazing resemblance to Lutz who is huge, husky and blond. The reason, says Brolin, is that the New York Times accidentally printed two pictures side by side captioned Brolin and Lutz but they were actually both of but they were actually both of

While the film company were smiling at such gaucheries George and Kathy Lutz survived a lie detector test in an American court which seemed to prove that they had not invented any of the manifestations of demonology. "We fled from Amityville to my mother's house", says Kathy in a well-controlled whisper. "We sent



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University in North Carolina
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The latest of the great commodities is rewards as it is—the latest of the great commodities. When taking about acting he looks totally its rewards are obviously in the studies. was to be able to move back in to the house once we under-stood what was going on, but in fact we gave it back to the bank." They offered their experiences in defence of the multiple murderer. multiple murderer.

The first lawyer they retained immediately drew up contracts for three films and three books. "Of course, we declined", says Kathy Lutz. The next instal-ment of the story was that ment of the story was that side-show entrepreneurs James and Barbara Cromerty, who had bought the house from the bank as an attraction, tried to sue the Lutzes and Anson for \$1.1 million because it was a haven of peace. At this point James Brolin was offered the movie part, rented a car and drove part, rented a car and urove round the house to see whether he could work up any sinister feelings about it. "It was painted a delightful yellow and white, it was utterly friendly", he says. "Then I drove round the back and saw that the boathouse door was jet black. It was the only jarring note, and I was glad because I did want to believe in the story if I was going to do justice to

Brolin's belief did not entirely survive filming in California—the real location was not used -during which the Lutz's psy-chic friend, whose imagination seems to have enhanced the original story, plagued the set with aspirations to stardom. James Brolin himself, who is 39 now, actually owes his career to horror movies. He was all set to be a pilot when his father, a constructor who huilt the a constructor who built the highly-priced Truesdale Estates in Los Augeles, went into busi-ness with a man whose brother-

an actor. "I always thought of movies as the immaculate conception", Brolin says, "but when he took me to the studios and showed me that it was a craft I thought it was right down my mechanical mind's alley. I was scared of acting to the concept the proalley. I was scared of acting so I used to operate the projectors for the high school film shows. Then I paid a man to work with me on my acting for five nights a week. I would do anything at all to pay for it parking cars, liquor store deliveries, gas station attendant. I went to UCLAL before they developed the film department from which Francis Ford Coppola emerged so successfully, pola emerged so successfully, but I just saw it as a bunch of self-centred people trying to grab the top part. At one point I was going to six different acting schools and one to improve the property Newman are property. acting schools and one to improve my methory. Newman was my hero and Eastwood and Toshiro Mifuni who I thought had the ability to accomplish what the New York method schools preached but never achieved. Then I got a \$93 a week contract with Fox. Whenever they tested a new leading lady I was asked to do the job."

When he was cast in a Batman part he married the casting director who happened to be a friend of Clint Eastwood's wife. Today Brolin is not unlike his friend Eastwood, who quite apart from his screen image is a superb businessman. Brolin's to be a huge success was first panned and then became a cult movie. None of this fazes Brolin who studies the cinema acting career has been cheq-uered. Films like The Car, "Jaws on wheels", as he des-cribes it, were abandoned, while Gable and Lombard, directed

tis rewards are obviously in the blood. He has poured all his screen profits into his own construction company located around the area of the Hearst castle at San Simeon. "My father started building houses worth \$25,000, we would fix them up and move out. The last house we sold for \$189,000 and is worth more than a million and is worth more than a million now-seven acres up above Beverly Hills. These days it takes me \$100,000 to get into a deal. I get a loan from the bank who trust my judgement completely, I put in a travertine marble hall and get out in six morths."

six months." Brolin has just bought a hunding lodge in Santa Barbara, the more gentle Angeles where Billy Wilder, Eve Marie Saint, Elmer Bernstein and lately Sylvester Stallone have made their homes. He keeps a plane, several wolves and big cats and wants to make his own film about omnipotence, directing, if possible.

"Mel Brooks, John Cassa-vetes, Woody Allen were all once Little actors trying to get

once little actors trying to get a crack at directing. Burt Reynolds has really done it right. Films directed by actors have brought in more money than most others."

As I left him Brolin was wondering whether to buy a boar at the Boat Show, invest in a Californian vineyard, sell his house for 100 per cent profit or approach the new fe-

### Radio Refined sensibilities

No nation, it's said, is more teenly aware of the niceties (or nastinesses) of social class than the British, but I think we might narrow that down a trifle and for "British" substitute "English". Born and occasionally brought up in Scotland, I Her three young Muslims of do not retain the impression last week were all highly articularger scale than ever before. Her three young Muslims of last week were all highly articunot retain the impression late and open in what they had of such a refined sensibility in to say about the beliefs and, even more, about the practices the Scots; visitor of long standing to Wales, I do not think your Welshman gives his full attention to it, but the English of Islam. If you ask an adult—
of any religious faith—what he
and his co-religionists practice,
you will generally be told what
they hope and what they believe. Children, in my experience, are more likely to answer have class consciousness to what, so it seems, must be the ultimate degree. Your English-man can place his neighbour to within a quarter of a rung on the social ladder merely by the the question as put. That was certainly the case here and the way he speaks; the ghost of a suspicion of a flattened vowel answers were delivered with an immediacy and freshness of response which, it seemed to is all it needs for ears acutely tuned to gradations of accent to categories the owner of a me, conveyed most tellingly what it is to practice as a Muslim. Admittedly one might have concluded that a good voice and with that to call into play a whole complex of associ-ations, establishing at once an deal of that practice was prob-ably just fine for seventh ceninclination to accept or, if not outright to reject, then certainly to approach the speaker cautiously, putting the hearer cury Arabia, but rather doubt-fully appropriate today. But it is then cautionary to remember that Islam is the youngest of the world's major religious and that many of its followers are at least still living in the part of the world in which it was revealed, some of them in on his guard for other tell-tale signs—how does the fellow hold his knife, or wear his clothes, or come into a room? This fertile territory is the This fertile territory is the subject of a new six-part series, Barriers (Sundays, Radio 4), produced in Birmingham by Jock Gallagher and on the evidence of the opening programme it should do all right. The treatment admittedly is pretty straight-faced and Graham Turner, whose voice is itself a study in origins, speaks a rather flat narration, but he conditions not so very different now from the time of the revelation. The same could not by any means be said of Christianity which is, in addition, if you care to put it that way, more anachronistic by another 700 years. itself a study in origins, speaks a rather flat narration, but he links a wealth of varied speakers—from Norman St John Stevas at the small-plumin-the-mouth end of the scale to braw Jimmy Reid at the other. Richard Hoggart is an expectable to form of the scale of t expected but of course informaanother interesting voice, and I am sure he is right when he says that we actually relish our class differences. Or some of us do, at any rate, and I hope one of the forthcoming pro-grammes will reveal to us whether "relish" is a universal English attitude to class as

other 700 years.

In quite another area of interest, All Across the USA (producer David Epps) is doing for Radio 3 what Buriers and God in my Language do for 4. Anthony Wall took a tape recorder not quite as far as the title of his six programmes might suggest, but over a great area of the South, recording singers who perform for small local audiences far below the local audiences far below the more homogenized culture of radio and television. The first programme, built out of recording made in the Appalachians, was in part the outcome of a journey into a community discovered at the end of mile upon covered at the end of mile upon mile of dirt roads and bearing, so Mr Wall told me, a most uncomfortable resemblance to some of those early scenes which must be engraved upon the memory of anyone who saw the film Deliverance. "Put your camera away", his guide warned him. Programme two went to Memphis to explore the ground from which Elvis rocketed. In matters of coverage, accuracy and judgment. rocketed. In matters of coverage, accuracy and judgment, there is nothing I can say about programmes such as these, but the music and the rambling talk of its performers are irresistible. And then, as I have suggested, this it not a musical territory which Radio 3 acknowledges as often as it might making these Wednesday afternoon sessions all the more afternoon sessions all the more

David Wade

#### Limboland The Victim

Thames

#### Joan Bakewell

Armchair Thriller as a series has a lot going for it. But not, alas, this particular script.
Nothing would have been nicer
on a frosty evening, before
digging in with TV Eye and
the rebels in Afghanistan, than a half hour's escapist mystery of fast moving clues and tension set in timbered Durbridgeland or against the racy, pacy setting of almost anywhere you can identify with. Better still to follow up the cliff-hanging thrills of last Tuesday's episode with more nail-biting stuff this Thursday. Six episodes rounded off in three weeks could make a tidy package of middlebrow entertainment that would not ever win awards but would divert many with a polished piece of television no company need be ashamed of.

Instead we got The Victim. Two episodes in already and there is not much to report. I am airaid. The schoolgirl daughter of an electronics ex-ecutive has been kidnapped. He, distrustful of the police superintendent, they obviously share the same barber so perhaps he has reason, sets out to retrieve her himself. First he has a bit of fun with series.

some gadgetry that analyses the voice on the inevitable tele-phone call, then abandous it and sets off in tepid pursuit to

a place called Hepton.

Meanwhile the two yobs who
have the girl are quarrelling. And a travelling salesman in confessing all to a theatrical landlady who serves him muffins disguised as tex cakes The only thing I believed in were those muffins.

Now a thriller can be set

almost anywhere. Our credibility will latch on instantly to a lighthouse, a beauty parlour, a vicarage or a pawn shop in the Old Kent Road Dick Francis knows tiffs and has thousands who have never been near a race meeting, believing in race meeting, believing in stables, starting posts, paddocks and stud farms. But The Victim is set in the limboland of rooms. corridors and cars. Dressed nut with carpets and sofas the sets indicate home, desks and files indicate office, nests of tebles and trays of muffins indicate character performance. Even Hepton looked glumly charac-

John Shrapnel, who plays the executive, is far from characterless. Neat, nimble and intensohe is all set to he the Jack Hedley of the eighties. But coiled like a spring for action, he finds himself floundering in a featherbed of corny lines. He may indeed save his daughter. but even he cannot save the

### Unclassifiable

Ooh La La! Bush

Irving Wardle

mental novelty, the term per-sists as the only label for an otherwise unclassifiable kind of show. This usually offers a fractured narrative with several groups of characters orbiting

groups of characters orbiting round a central rheme; and arouses satiric expectations which are transcended by the emotional honesty of the acting.

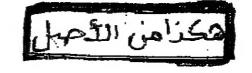
All of this applies to the new piece Mike Bradwell has devised with the Hull Truck Company. As usual, the locale has been expanded to accommodate the casts's chosen characters; in this case, a Northern university town where the action shifts between mutorials, academic home life, student parties, a school, and

is Martin, a young political science don who brings the same coolly detached manner to outlining the factions of the revolutionary French Left as to seducing the teacher's wife and Although the "improvised play" is no longer an experimental novelty, the term persists as the only label for an beck's Martin, smoothly rolling beck's Martin, smoothly rolling out the slogans of class harred and showing off his French vowels, should suggest a ghastly new arrival in the Posy Simmonds pseuds' gallery. And equally typical that by the end of the evening one should have developed a healthy respect for this cold fish.

I am not sure that the Gallic title is an accurate guide to the play's meaning, it being the company's method to develop a sequence of truthful indi-vidual scenes in the hope that they will gravitate towards a moral centre. We get closest to such a centre where Hamish Reid's Hugh (the Glaswegian student) nutorials, academic home life, student parties, a school, and a folk club so as to show the intellectual and personal lives of the community running in ironic parallel and sometimes getting their lines crossed.

Mr Bradwell starts by introducing three character groups: a middle-aged scholar visited by his maritally discontented daughter; a schoolteacher whose wife ignores him; and a pair of working-class students whose friendship breaks up when the boy makes a pass.

But the main dramatic agent





Emily Richard in Enemy at the Door (ITV, 8.45)

• I trust you will have got the message by now, either from this column or from your TV set, that we are now bang in the middle of the BRC's Russian season. It seems to have spilt over into the news bulletins, too, though the BBC can take no credit for the Afghan eruption. Tonight's contribution to the season is of Rimsky-Korsakov's pantomime opera The Golden Cockerel (BBC 2, 6.35). This is the acclaimed production by Scottish Opera, with such delights as the eponymous fowl (played by the circus trapeze artiste Ingla-Lise) swinging from her perch above the stage while Marie Slorach supplies the voice at ground level. You will, naturally, miss the trapeze act if you listen only to the simultaneous radio broadcast on Radio 3 at 6.30.

The credits for tonight's Playhouse production, Pews, by Chaim Bermant, contain some familiar names. There is the actor, John Bennett, for instance, and the play's director, Barry Davis, who made a fine job of that recent play about the Irish tinker girl, Kate—The Year of a Child. But there is also in the credits the name of Sudney Teller who died you long are. tinker girl, Kate—The Year of a Child. But there is also in the credits the name of Sydney Tafler, who died not long ago. This is one of the last things he did on the streen. Mr Tafler was just one of that vast number of fine British actors, instantly identifiable, always dependable, rarely feted. They can transform a goodish play into a very good one. They are the true catalysts of show business and we should sing their praises at every possible opportunity.

The Saturday Night Theatre play (Radio 4, 8.30) is Paul Bryers's The File on Leo Kaplan, a tale of international industrial espionage. Playing the lead role of the English travel writer who becomes entangled in some nasty husiness in Russia, Turkey, and Bulgaria, is Trevor Cooper, an actor whose name will not ring bells in your memory for the simple reason that, only last year, he was still a student at the Drama Studio in London. So good was he that he were none of the two 1979. London. So good was he that he won one of the two 1979
Carlton Hobbs awards, and tonight he plays his first lead role
as a member of the BBC's Drama Repertory Company to which
he has become attached for six months. Radio is full of success
stories like Mr Cooper's, but they are never told because acting
in front of a microphone is considered less glamorous than doing
the same in front of a talericing constant. The logic of that the same in front of a television camera. The logic of that argument has always evaded me.

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### **Broadcasting Guide**

Edited by Peter Davalle

#### TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.05 am Better Badminton: Improve your rearcourt moves (r). 9.30 Multi-Coloured Swap Shop: Noel Edmonde's fast-moving pro-gramme. Music, darts; cricket, judo and practically everything

12.12 pm Weather 12.12 pm Weather.
12.15 Grandstand: The line-up is;
12.20 Football Focus; Racing from
Ascot at 12.50, 1.25, 2.00 and 2.30;
International Table Tennis from
Brighton at 1.10, 2.20 and 4.15;
World Cup Skating (from Kitzbu
hel) at 1.45; American Football
(from Pasadena) at 2.50; Rugby
League (St Helens v Salford) at
3.35; Final Score, 4.40.

10.50 am Open University: 10.50 Distance Teaching conference. 11.40 Countdown to OU Programme. 12.05 pm Energy in the Home. Close down at 12:30.

Full-length cartoon about a French provincial cat who goes to Paris, adventure-bound. With the singing voice of Judy Garland (as Mewsette).

4.00 Play Away: Comedy and music show for children.

8.40 am Sesame Street: Learning made easy for children. With the Muppers.
9.40 The Beachcombers: Al

fresco adventure, set in Canada. 10.05 Superman : George Reeves flies again.

Li.30 p.m. World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.35 On the Ball: football news; 1.00 Men's Downhill event in the World Cup (from Kizzbähci); 1.15 News; Racing from Newcastle at 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00 and from Warwick at 1.51 and 3.54. American Football.

1.45, 2.15 and 2.45; American Foot-ball (AFC/NFC Championship) at

The unqualified recommendations of the week are Little Caesar (tonight, BBC 2, 8.55), Newstront

(Tuesday, BBC 2, 9.0) and Oh Mr

Porter (Thursday, BBC 2, 5.55).

Forter (Thursday, BBC 2, 5.55).
Little Caesar and Public Enemy,
which will be shown next Saturday, were the prototype of the
thirdes gaugster films pioneered
by Warner Brothers. Mervyn
Leroy's Little Caesar, which
depicted the rise and fall of a
gangster very closely based on Al
Capone, established Edward G.
Robinson—a veteran stage actor of
Rumanian origin—as a star.

Robinson—a veieran singe actor of Rumanian origin—as a star. Philip Noyce's Newstront was one of the best works of the Austrakian cinema's short-lived miracle" in the seventies. Through the ups and downs of two rival newsreel companies, which eventually amaignment to fight the throat of selection it provides

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London Weekend

hildren's magazine.

FILMS ON TV

BBC 2

5.05 Wonder Woman: New series 8.35 Dallas: Interlocking dramas about the distaff Superman. Made an oil-rich Texan family. Tonig in America.
5.50 News and weather. 6.00 Sport. 6.05 Dr Who: Last episode of The Horns of Nimon. 6.35 Jim'll Fix It: Children have their wishes fulfilled—to be a butler for a day, to visit a gold mine, to learn how to eat spa-ghetti. 7.10 All Creatures Great and Small:

The series about Yorkshire vers. Tonight: Mrs Pumphrey (Margaretta Scott) is worried about her pet boxer. S.00 The Dick Emery Show: Includes a spoof Dick Barton story, and a 20-minute film about a touring circus. ine circus.

BEC1 VARIATIONS
BBC Wales: 6.00 pm Sports News.
12.20 am News and weather. Scotland:
4.55 pm bcurebourd. 6.00 Scotlaboard.
10.20 Sportscope. V2.20 am News and
weather. Marthern Insland: 4.55 pm
Scorreboard. 6.00 News. 12.20 am News
and weather. England: 12.25 am Glose.

Granger) is a smuggler chief. Also starting George Sanders and Joan killer. In its time, a sensational 10.10 Playbouse: Pews. Chaim Bar-mant's comedy about Lancashire Jews, and about a beadle's prob-iem in finding 10 men to say Kad-dish at the local synagogue (see Personal Choice). Greenwood.
5.50 Sky at Night: How they make maps of the sky (r).
6.10 Mr. Smith's Indoor Garden;
Geoffrey Smith explains how to grow and tend indoor flowers.
6.35 The Golden Cockerel: The Scottish Opera production of the Rimsky-Korsakov opera, recorded in the Theatre Royal, Glasgow. Sung in English, Part 1. (See Personal Choice.)
7.25 News and sport. 10.45 Set by Swann: The jolly pianist-composer, Donald Swann, 11.15 News and weather.

4.00 Play Away: Comedy and music show for children.
4.25 Film: Moonfleet (1955).
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4.25 Film: Little Caesar (1930):
4.26 First in a new season of famous about a boy (John Whitely) who discovers his guardian (Stewart Robinson stars as the Capone-type

11.20 Film: Billy Jack (1971). Run-away teenage girl (Julie Webb) befriends a half-breed Indian (Tom Laughlin). Directed, violently, by T. C. Frank, and a great hit among the anti-Establishment set in the United States. Film ends at 1.15

an oil-rich Texan family. Tonight:

10.10 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

10.20 Match of the Day: Highlights from two of today's Football

League games. Also, pools check.

11.20 Parkinson: Michael Parkin-son in conversation with Jonathan

12.20 am Weather and closedown.

Miller and Max Wall.

Regions

3.10; Half-time football at 3.50; Wrestling at 4.00; Results Service

5.05 News.
5.15 Oh Boy! Rock Music show.
Hits from the 1950s and 1960s.
5.45 Happy Days: American
comedy series set in the 1950s. 5.15 Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon (1949). Epic John Ford-John Wayne western about the US Cavairy and its bartles with the

Cavairy and its battles with the Indians.

3.00 Search for a Star: Last round of this talent contest (final is next week). With two girl singers from Manchester, a Liverpool comedian, a Cheshire singer, a Worcestershire ventriloquist and a London-Jamaica singing group.

3.45 Enemy at the Door: Drama

gorn!".

Moonfleet (today, BBC 2, 2-30),
Fritz Lang's gothic tale of gentry
and smugglers: in eighteenthcentury Dorset has lovely moments

series about the German occupa-tion of the Channel Islands. Tonight: a problem over a recep-

10.00 Heartland: Last Knockings.
Tragi-comedy, by Donald
Churchill, who also plays the conman and womanizer who decides to
settle down. Also starring Gillian
Raine and Arwen Holm. 11.00 Saturday Night People : Astringent comments from Russell Harty, Clive James, Janet Street-

11.45 Pro-Celebrity Spooker Canadian Cinb Trophy. Another match from Leeds. 12.30 am Richard Briers in a reading from Normal Habel's Hi I

#### by David Robinson slight sugge piece, survives mainly for the playing of the wonderful and witty Kay Kendail, in her last

history from 1948 to 1956. Oh Mr Porter, of course, is one of the few perfect things in life—Will Hay's variant of The Ghost Train, and an undated commentary on the ways of railway employees. Don't be out of the room for mad old Moore Marriott's most enigmatic unterance: "Next train's gorn!". and witty Kay Kendail, in her last role.

There is no great need to spend time on The Hallelujah Trail (tomosrow, EBC 1, 7.15), a vastly overweight film intended as lightweight comedy western; nor for that matter on Goodbye Mr Chips (Wednesday, EBC 2, 8.30). Even with its Rattigan script, it was a missake from the start to remake the 1939 film as a musical; and the numbers are strikingly unmemorable. century Dorset has lovely moments (most often provided by Joan Greenwood) but for me the film's mythical reputation is exaggerated. Tom Laughlin's Effly Jack (tonight, EEC 2, 10.55), is, nine years after its runaway box-office success in America, a true period piece, a western melodrama which asserts the cause of alternative societies. Once More With Feeling (tomorrow, EEC 1, 2 pm), Stabley Donen's dullish adaptation of a nemorable

memorable.

I can not imagine how Where
the Boys Are (Friday, BBC 1,
10.45), will look after 20 years.
In 1950 it seemed an unusually
deft and lively teenage comedy;
and it was remarkable in giving
their first real chance to a whole group of young players: George Hamilton, Yvette Mindeux, Jim Hutton, and Paula Prentiss.

#### RADIO

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Radio 3

7.55 am Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 BBC Weish SO/K. Alwyn:
Mendelssofm, Bloch, Dvorak,
Fauré, Tchaikovsky.†
9.00 News.
9.03 Record Review.†

10.15 Records: Mozart, Rubbra (Sym 7).† 11.15 Bandstand.† Diversions : classics record.t 1.00 pm News. 1.05 Piano (Vogel): Brahms (incl

11.35 International Assignment. 12.00 News. op 5).† 2.00 Play It Again.† 2.60 Play It Again.7
5.60 Jazz Records.†
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.30 Opera: The Golden Cockerel,
by Rimsky-Korsakov (Scottish
Opera) Act I (SB with BBC 2).† 7.25 Interval reading.
7.45 The Golden Cockerel Acts II

12.00 News.
12.02 pm Money Box.
12.27 The News Quiz.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? 2.00 News. 2.05 Wildlife. 2.30 Play: Summer of Stanley Wood. 3.30 Does He Take Sugar? 4.00 News.

Radio 4

6.25 am Shipping forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
7.00 News.
7.10 On Your Farm.
7.40 Today's Papers.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 I'-s Resenting

8.10 Sport on 4. 8.45 Today's Papers. 8.50 Turning on the Tap.

9.50 News Stand. 10.05 Talking Politics. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Pick of the Week t

50 It's a Bargain.

9.00 News. 9.05 Breakaway.

4.02 God in My Language. 4.30 Time For Verse.
4.30 Time For Verse.
4.40 Come to the Opera.†
5.25 Week Ending.†
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs.

6.55 Stop the Week.
7.35 Baker's Dozen.†
8.30 Play: The File on Leo Kaplan,
by Paul Bryers.†
10.00 News.
10.15 Encore: Review.
1.40 Lighten Our Darkness 11.00 Lighten Our Darkness.

7.45 The Golden Cockerel Acts II and III.†
3.00 Reading: That in Aleppo Once, by Vladimir Nabokov.
9.30 Vlolin and plano (Rosenberg/Crowson): Schumann, Beethoven (op 12 no 3).†
10.20 Reading: Epistie to Sir Godfrey Kneller, by Dryden.
10.30 Rosenberg/Crowson: Janacck, Mozart (K454).†
11.30 Piano duets: Françaix, Fauré.† Fauré.+ 11.55-12.00 News, Radio 2

Brass 11.15 Philip Jones Brass Ensemble.† 11.45 Ghost story: Gabriel-Ernest, 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

pean Pop Jury. 7.02 Bear the Record. 7.30 Top Tunes.† 8.02 Geraldo Orchestra.† 8.30 Semprini Serenade.† 9.30 Big Band Special.† 10.02 Hilversum Greets Radio 2.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.10 Ray Moore.† 2.03 am-6.00 You and the. Night and the Music.† 6.55 am Regional news, weather. 7.55 Regional news, weather.

Radio 1 5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 News. 7.03 Playground. 8.00 Tony Black-burn. 10.00 Peter Powell. 1.00 pm

burn. 10.00 Peter Powell. 1.00 pm Adrian Juste.† 2,00 Paul Gambac-cini.† 4.00 Rock on Saturday.† 7.30 Steve Wright. 10.00 Al Matthews. 12,00-6.00 am As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 1.00 pm With Radio 1. 7.30-6.00 am With Radio 2.

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#### REGIONAL TV

Tyne Tees Border

ATV

Channel

Scottish

As Louidon except: S Cartoon, 9.10 Spiderma Run, 8.15 pm Film: 1Bon Gazzara, Ernest B Shamus (Burt Reynolds

Ulster

Granada

Steve lones: Compere

Search for a Star (ITV, 8.00)

Yorkshire

Westward

Southern

HTV CYMRU/WALES: 5.05 pm Nove, followed by Roport Wales. 5.45 Pwy Fase'n Meddwl! HTV WEST: As general service. Anglia

Grampian

As London except: Starts B.05 icv's Bird. 9.30 Seaame Street. Film: Catlow (Yul Brynner) Seachd Laithean. 11.15 Film: the Bermuda Triangle, 12.40 antiona

John Normington who plays John Vassall in the first of a new series of Spy! plays (BBC 1, 9.35)

The exclamation mark in the title of the new six-part series Spy! (BBC 1, 9.35) is redundant. Jaws did not need one and neither did Waste nor Caste nor even the Beatle's film Help. It gives a falsely sensational aspect to what—if we are to judge by tonight's opening instalment—is in reality an understated, unhurried, documentary-like reconstruction which might almost have come from the same sombre stable as Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy. Tonight we are reminded of the John Vassall story, the minor clerk at the British Embassy in Moscow who, blackmailed thanks to his sexual proclivities, became a pawn for the KGB. Vassall is played with an air of imperceptively fraying calm by National Theatre actor John Narmington. I think the BBC are on to a winner with both him and with Spy! itself. The exclamation mark in the title of the new six-part series

● I must reserve judgment on whether I think the BBC has I must reserve judgment on whether I think the BBC has another winner in its five-part serialization of Pride and Prejudice (BBC 2, 9.35). I think the first episode lacks sparkle and that too many of the speeches (written by Fay Weldon) are Austen in word but not in spirit. It might well buck up with the entry of the ridiculous Mr Collins and there are clear indications that David Rintoul's lowering Darcy is going to work out very well. Wilfred Joseph's flute-and-strings music is a positive plus. a positive plus.

And so to the third, and last—and best—of tonight's opening instalments in the BBC's New Year programme schedules. Spirit of Asia (BBC 2, 7.45) is another feather in the top-heavy cap of David Attenborough, though it was Michael Macinivre who produced and directed the eight films in the series. The surviving cultures and religions of South-East Asia is the surviving cultures and religions of Mouth-East Asia is the surviving cultures and religions of South-Bast Asia is the theme, and if you think it all sounds dullish, just wait until you see how the spirits of dead ancestors and gods so galvanize the limbs and minds and voices of living Indonesians that, even at a safe distance from your television set, you begin to feel that you are next for the tribal rites. Next Sunday, the road to Bali.

It was a bit difficult to see the wood for the trees in last Sunday's first episode of Blind Ambition (BBC 2, 10.30), the Watergate story. I suspect that more than one viewer got lost somewhere between the Colsons, Mardians, Liddys, Magruders, Haldemans, Ehrlichmans and Kleindiensts. What a relief to mandemans, Enricemans and Riemdiensts. What a relief to spot a familiar landmark like Richard Nixon (whose mouth movements actor Rip Thorn has perfected to frightening effect). Not as gripping yet as Washington: Behind Closed Doors, but there are three instalments to go.

 Benny Green's affectionate Radio 2 tribute to Marie Lloyd benny Green's affectionate Kadio 2 tribute to Blatte Lloyd last week has given me an appetite for tonight's pacan (by Richard Anthony Baker, Radio 2, 10.30) to Florrie Forde who, memorably, used to ask if anybody there had seen Kelly ... Radio 3's recorded Ring continues with The Twilight of the Radio 3's recorded Ring continues with The Twilight of the Gods (200), the English National Opera production, with Remedies and Hunter heading the cast.

### Sunday's programmes

#### TELEVISION

8.55' am Ragtime: Story for children, with rag dolls (1). 9.10 Artasia: How art can improve race relations in Britain. race relations in Britain.

9.40 Company Account: Involving unions and workers in company decision-making (r).

10.05 The Skill of Lip-Reading: First in a 16-part series (r). 10.15 Let's Go: Brian Rix programme for the mentally handicapped. 10.30 The Handicsoped Family: Visit to a pre-school playgroup in

Yeovil. 11.20 Avventura: part 4 of this Italian course. 11.45 Multi-Racial Britain: How schools can help black students

(r).

12.10 pm A Church to Yourself:
The story of St Angustine's Parish
Church, Rugeley, Staffs.

12.25 Christianity Explored: Father
Michael Hollings talks about the
Christian response to God.

12.55 Farming: the country programme.
1.20 It's a Great Life: When sport can be a problem for parents and children.

ing safety reports. 1.55 News beadlines.

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2.00 Film: Once More with Feeling (1960). Comedy about an egotistical orchestra conductor (Yul Brynner). His wife is played by the late Kay Kendall, who died soon after the film was completed.
3.30 Tom and Jerry: cartoou. The Little Orphan. Little Orphan.

3.40 The High Chapsyrai: Venerable Western series (r). ame western series (r).
4.30 Young Scientists of the Year:
Start of a new series to find the
best of tomorrow's boffins. Teams
from Berthill College; Drayton
School, Banbury; and Parkstone
Grammar, Poole.

5.30 Emn's Broadcasting Company: Includes a puppet version of Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra. S.25 The Old Curiosity Shop: Part 6. The Single Gentleman is still trying to find Little Nell and her grandfather. 5.55 News: with Angela Rippon. 6.05 Holiday: Touring caravans, Venice and the roads of France.

(1965). Comedy Western about a wagonload of whisky and the very different groups (temperance crosaders, Indians, militia) who want to get their hands on it. With Burt Lancaster, Lee Remick.

9.35 Spy! First in a new series. The story of John Vassali, the diplomatic clerk the Russians blackmailed (see Personal Choice). 10.25 News: with Angela Rippon. 10.35 Operation Auca: About the five American missionaries who were speared to death in the jun-gles of Ecuador. First of two pro-

11.10 Inside Japan: Documentary about two small Japanese com-panies, and how they survive. Weather. Close down at

Regions

BEC 1 VARIATIONS: Wales: 2.00 pm file Superstars, 2.55 Some Mothers Do Ave 'km. 3.30 Sports Line-Up. 4.30 Y Jelli Aur. 11.40 News and weather. kouland: 1.20 pm Can Seo. 5.40 We'll Go Where the Music Takes Us. 10.35 8kMng Around. 11.40 Platform One. 12.10 am News and weather. Northern 6.40 Songs of Praise; from the children of Rugby.

### BBC 2

11,00 am Open University. 11.00 (S101, Algebra); 11.15 Pre-School Child; 11.40 Consumer Decisions; 12.05 pm Countdown to the OU Programme. Closedown at 12.30. 2.15 The Russian Ballet: Three one-act ballets choreographed by Petips, danced by Leningrad's Maly Theatre Ballet Company and children from the Vaganova Dance

30 Rugby Special: Highlights of yesterday's match Coventry and Bristol. 5.30 Ski Sunday: The Downhill of the Men's World Cup from

London Weekend. 9.05 am Helping Hand: Mobility and Research. For, and about the disabled. 9.30 Play Guitar: Ulf Goran is a

painstaking teacher. 10.00 Morning Worship: Mgr

Michael Buckley on the theme of

healing. 10.30 The Lord Chancellor: Lord

Hailsham talks about the important

role that Christianity plays in his

iffe.

11.00 Getting On: Programme of hope for the OAP.

11.30 Bailey's Bird: Is the Indian girl in a sari a ghost?

12.00 Weekend World: The question posed is: In the light of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, should America redefine its interest in the world generally?

1.00 pm Numbers at Work: Fred Harris puts figures in a workday context.

1.30 Skin: How did the Southall riot of April 23 last year change the mood of the Indian community

the mood of the Indian community there? A new series.

2.00 University Challenge: A contest between St Hugh's College, Oxford, and Lancaster University.

2.30 Police 5: A helping band for Scotland Yard.

2.45 The Big Match: Highlights from three of yesterday's important football matches.

Patrick Wall, MP, who appears in Credo (ITV, 6.00)

Kitzbühel, on the micky "Streif" .10 News Review : With visual commentary for the hard of hear-ing. Presented by Kenneth Kendali. 6.40 The Money Programme: The steel strike, Afghanistan, and ris-

steel strike, Afghanistan, and rising gold prices.
7.15 Call My Bluff: Robert Robinson is again the urbane compere.
The concessants are Frank Muir,
Gabrielle Drake, Christopher
Cazenove, Arthur Marshall, Sinead
Cusack and Ian Ogilvy.
7.45 Spirit of Asia: Start of David
Attarbarush's engine page Savid Attenborough's major new series, about the culture and religions of South-east Asia (see Personal 8.50 News and weather.

9.00 Stuart Burrows Sings: The operatic tenor, in his homeland of Wales, with other fine singers like Isobel Buchenan, Yvonne Minton. Janer Baker and Valerie Masterson.

9.35 Pride and Prejudice: Part one of Fay Weldon's adaptation of the Jane Austen classic (see Personal

of Fay Weldon's account of the Choice).

10.30 Blind Ambition: Part 2 of this dramatized version of the this dramatized version of the watergate crisis, seen through the eyes of John Dean, Mr Nixon's special counsel.

12.00 Grand Prix: Satellite coverage of the Argentina Grand Prix in Buenos Aires. Britain's John Watson takes on the Ferraris.

# Closedown at 12.45 am.

3.45 Film: Campbell's Kingdom (1957). Drama with Dirk Bogarde, set in the Canadian Rockies. Is there oil on the land he has inherited? 5.30 Worzel Gummidge: Tale of two scarecrows—uncle and nephew. With Jon Pertwee and Wayne Norman. 6.00 Credo: Investigation into the activities of Christian Aid, Oxfam

6.30 News. 6.40 Your 100 Best Hymns: Viewers' requests are answered by soloists and choral groups in-cluding the Hudderslield Choral Society.
7.15 Family Fortunes: Bob Monkhouse's new quiz in which the questions have more than one

and War on Want.

answer.

7.45 Film: Ryaa's Daughter (1970). David Lean's inflated love story, set in Ireland during the Great War. It won two Oscars—for its camera-work and for John Miles's village idiot. Sarah Miles is the eponymous heroipe, Robert Mitchum and Christopher Jones play her lovers. Part 1.

10.00 News.

10.15 Ryan's Daughter: Part 2.

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11.30 Celebrity Concert: Songs from José Feliciano.
12.30 am Close: Another reading from Norman Habel's Hi! by appears in Credo (ITV, 6.00) Richard Briers.

### RADIO blem (11); Sur le Vif (11); Por aqui (11); Skills for Survival (1); Principles of Counselling (7); The Bad Life (1); World Powers in the 20th Century (13).

Radio 3

Str Qtet op 44 no 2).†

9.05 Records: Masek, Mendels-sohn, Vaughan Williams (Sym 6),

6.25 am Shipping forecast.
6.30 Morning Has Broken.
7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.

Radio 4

3.50 Week's Good Cause, 3.00 News. 3.10 Sunday Papers.

.15 Letter from America. 30 Morning Service. 0.15 The Archers. 11.15 Weekend Woman's Hour.

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12.90 A Touch of Genius.;
12.30 pm The Food Programme.
12.55 Weather.
1.90 The World This Weekend.
1.40 Feedback.
2.00 News.
2.05 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 Play: I Married You for Fun.
4.00 News.
4.02 Talking about Antiques.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 Everybody's Souga.
5.15 Down Your Way.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Barriers: Class in the class-room.

room.
7.00 Bookshelf.
7.30 Origins.
8.00 Music to Remember: Beeth-

oven.† 9,00 News. 9.03 Play: Walk on the Lawn by Jane Beeson. Jane Beeson.† 10.00 News. 10.15 Bertrand Russell: a reassess-

11.00 The Way of the Mystic.† 11.15 The Magic of Music.† 12.00 News. 12.15-12.23 am Weather. VHP

VHP
9.30-10.15 am Open University:
Into the Open (1)—How to make
the best use of printed materials:
The First Years of Life—mumnies
and daddles, husbands and wives;
Music interlude.
2.00-6.00 pm Study on 4: Kein Pro-

lantern lecture.†
11.20 Horn and piano (Tuckwell/
Ashkenazy): Schumann, SaintSaens, Beethoven.†
11.55-12.00 News. Radio 2 6.00 am News, weather. 5.02 Sam on Sunday.† 7.30 Nick Page.† 8.04 David Jacobs.† 10.02 Benny Green.† 11.30 People's Service.

3.† 8.00 Suez 1956- discussion.

11.55 The Choice is Yours. 12.02 pm Family Favourites.† 1.30 The Grumbleweeds.† 2.02 Alan Dell.† 3.02 Peter Clayton.† 4.02 Two's Best.† 5.02 Sing Something Simple. 5.30 Charite Chester. 7.02 Treble. Chance. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.02 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.02 Peter Goodwright: 10.30 Top of the RU. 11.05 Ray Moore, 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.† 8.05 Records : Mondelssohn (incl.

Radio 1

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6.00 am As Radio 2. 8.90 Tony
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1.00 pm Jimmy Savile. 3.00 Paul
Gambaccimi. 5.00 Top 40.† 7.02
Star Special: Lene Loyich.† 9.00
Alexis Korner.† 10.02 Sounds of
Jazz.† 12.00-5.00 am As Radio 2.
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sohn, Vaughan Williams (Sym 6), Reger.†
10.30 Music Weekly.†
11.20 Melos Ensemble: Crusell, Dohnauyi, Beethoven (op 25).†
12.30 pm ECO/Vasary: Mozari (K413, K449).†
1.25 A Plain Man's Guide to Indian Music (3).†
2.00 Opera: The Twilight of the Gods, by Wagner (Hunter/Pring; Hammond-Stroud/Remedios/Welsby; ENO/Goodall) Act 1.†
4.25 Reading (Ralph Richardson): Notes on a Cellar Book, by George Saintsbury.
4.45 The Twilight of the Gods, Act 2.† World Service

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9.00 String quartets (Aeolian):
Ravel, Manduell.†
9.45 One Pair of Ears: review.
16.00 Aeolian Quartet: Beethoven
(op 135).†
10.35 Unglamorous Nights: a radio

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Good Food Guide

### The oriental style

Appearances deceive, but many diners crave deception. The restaurateur who dresses his dining room in the latest style, cossets and comforts his chentele and supplies a convincing atmosphere will hear fewer complaints about the cooking, which is the least predictable steamed and fried delicacies.

Mass dishes are better steamed and fried delicacies.

Mam dishes are better handled, even at lunchtime:

"I was convinced of their integrity when the sauces for fried lettuce with smoky black Chinese mushroom, fragrant garlic eel, and fried curds of chicken blood with ginger and spring onion all looked similar but tasted quite different."

The sanguine as well as the chic will feel at home with an encyclopaedic menu going beyond the fishy crew of lips, maw and head to preserved oyster, qualis' eggs, frugs' legs and sweet black sessme broth, as well as the deepfried saucomplaints about the cooking, which is the least predictable part of his operation. To judge from the new band of places in Soho and further afield, the Chinese have been among the last to learn that this stratagem also persuades customers to spend rather more than they hight have done in an environment that wearies the eye and depresses the spirit. as well as the deep-fried sausage-roll.
Around the corner, Lok Ho

eye and depresses the spirit.

In the past the best Cantonese food in London was tremulously eaten on sufferance,
in the shabbiest surroundings.

Wardon't Street could provide.

No more. Yet, while design
consultants and language or charm schools for waiters have done their best, the refreshing dependable, economical cook-ing ascribed to the best Chinese places is still the dominant theme, as much through careful management as through the chefs innate ability to cook well for a criti-

ability to cook well for a criti-cal audience.

Humbler enterptises are not so much bucking this trend as complementing it, offering spe-cialized regional of home-style cooking on a practical scale (though the first Chinese mul-tiple bakery is not far off, to judge from the increasing number of shops selling buns and pastries—the first and still the best being Kowlook in Ger-rard Street). Chinese family caterers also make fivings in areas where smart decor and a complex menu would be wasted.

Wicker, mirrors, petted plants and tubular chairs do not in themselves ensure sophisticated cooking. But even Hougkong hands think that Joy King Lan at last deserves the publicity that its ex-Hilton owner (Norman Han) confected for its debut in 1978. Among dim-sum snacks (com-Among dim-sum snacks (compulsory nowadays in these ambitious Cantonese show-pieces but all too often deepfrozen), glutinous rice in lotus leaf was "a rich, aromatic pudding of pork, gravy and melting grains of rice", and har cheung fun "was thick with prawes". But timing has been caraless in other

Around the corner, Lok HoFook has saved on Apicella
and Hicks and settled instead
for smarr red jackets; functional paper coverings over the
table linen, and incompruous
Mantovani carols at Christmas.
Opened early in 1979, this awkwordly leid our pair of shops
became the darling of Chinese
families who go for the dimsum, among Soho's best,
"though it's a pity the deepfried vam croquette and turnip Not everyone is going with the Finchley Road tide. It takes confidence and local roots to open up a full-blooded "though it's a pity the deep-fried yam croquette and turnip cake can't be served as hot as the steamed that sin buns and spare ribs in black-beau sauce." Clearly the busy fryer is an arrist without an ateller, for breaded scallops and frag-ile wun-bun come from an expert, not a prentice, hand. This confidence was missing This confidence was missing in a dull ginger beef dish and a dry pork and sel one, but the more demanding fried milk Tai Leung; "like scrambled eggs", soothed a seasoned inspector. Western visitors have found that rare thing: polite, even gleeful, waiters who know and appreciate their cuising. "One handsome gourmer conserved to bring us met consented to bring us crispy tripe and pickled cabbage, our random choice from the Chinese-Only part of the list, after comparing the

elaborate Chinese technique with the English approach, which tosses our the taste of tripe with the cooking water." Perhaps this man was also responsible for the French translations on the menu, unu-sual in London's Chinatown. If the sprucing of Gerrard-Street is a relief, the new crop-

region way to "a Jesus-like given way to grate and attention of grate attention of grate and attention of grate attention of grateful attention

deportment of grace and attention." Some faults survive the migration. "Much was cool, and the fresh, fleshy sea bass, came too soon. Teo crowded, I suppose, but better no bitter melon than tinned. Were brightned Mandarin spare ribs a Manist protest?" But it you press the staff, or point to the untranslated specialities, you may expect sublime beef steak with black bean and green pepper in stinging gravy." Or generous eels and garke. The vivid room has a tonne effect an a dark Jamaary. Dim-sum are served at lunchtime.

cantonese place on the edge of the Isle of Dogs, as George Cheung and his family, Limehouse veterans, have done with New Friends, a plain clean, friendly place beyond the derelict wharves. Hawkshioor derelict wharves, Hawksmoor spires and council towers. "The Thames nearby is an awesome sight, but come the expected flood, the kitchen could no doubt take to boats and Hakka style cooking", hazards a visitor to this preserve of East End businessmen. He was impressed by the skilfully handled work that produced crackling pork with barely cooked fresh eels, "a steal at £1.90". Presen toast and stuffed mushrooms have pleased the tongue and seared pleased the rongue and seared the palate, and there are a few regional oddities (Kupar chicken with crispy rice) on chicken with crispy rice) on the long menu that smetches a (with two days' notice) to such ling pig and lobster.

In New York, restaurateurs take their cus from the latest eating public is ready for leavourite, after the success of Le Carres' Honourable Schoolboy). But in London, Chinese

boy). But in London, Chinese of restaurants in outlying areas provincial cooking has yet to should be welcome to those be fully exploited. Even the who find Soho inaccessible and local chop suey inedible. The have to be sought out, some-

Pekinese Rendezvous group times in the dinglest surround-were the first serious colonists ings. But the old classics still of middle-class suburbs. but please, and the service, too, at

glad that they serve nice in-stead of the gluey wheat-flour burns one expects in northern Chinese cooking. The pro-venance of the enterprising and often delicious "Special Exotic Units (Ask for Flowers Exotic Drink (Ask for Flavour of the Week)" is happily not confined to the spirit now known in China as "Nexon's

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### Bridge

### Profit by technique

In the recent, popular Dutch Philip-Morris tournament held at the Amsterdam Hilton the English came sixth in an international field of more than 75 teams. I should mention that teams. I should mention that
the principal Dutch sponsor
was Maurits Carausa, who was
disgracefully kidnapped in
Eire two years ago but who has
retained all his rest for international Bridge. The fortunate game scored by one of our team was the result of good psychology, for he was rewarded in an exceptional way by an opponent's hesitation. Martin Hoffman, an Auschwitz survivor, made the most of his cards when an opponent's hesitation might have persuaded

him to cut his losses. It is not improper for a player to draw any inference he chooses in a properly-con-ducted competition. The declarer is entitled to present a defender with a surprise, and a defender without the counivance of his partner may try to mislead the declarer; but in no circumstances may a player ever attempt to mislead an opponent through the baste or hesitancy of a call or play. Hoffman's success was achieved because he drew the correct conclusion from his opponent's hesitation. North-South game; dealer North.

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2 Clubs 3 Spades

West led his two top diamonds and hesitated moment-arily before leading a third diamond. According to the press report, Hoffman abanthe design of the state of the gave him the clue to the only winning line of play. He second bid, if any, do you make decided that if West held in Rodrigue's place? Remember either the A or AK he would have continued playing in his partner's hand. normal tempo. So declarer crossed to the

A and led a spade to his AQ; he then exited with a spade. East was end-played and the East was end-played and the defence packed up. It was a serious error on East's part not to play off her two top spades at the first opportunity and throw back the lead with the Q: the declarer's only means of making game would then have been a backward finesse in hears.

I do not wish to draw atten-tion to dishonest ploys, but I must admit that the declarer is fairly entitled to deceive an opponent if he does to entirely through the card which he plays and not by his manner of playing it. If the trap is honestly laid, the declarer must never accelerate suddenly his lead, especially if it is unexpected.

North South game; dealer South

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Any declarer sees as soon as

his dummy has appeared that he must find that A or the Q favourably placed if he is not to lose two tricks. In his position efter the opening lead of the OJ once saw a player overthe VJ once saw a player over-take dummy's winning trick (in this instance the VQ) and follow it immediately with a small club. West was naturally expecting to see a trump on the table; and unless he were concentrating or had been warned of the change of suit might easily have hesitated before following suit with the AA or a small club. The failure of South to draw trumps as soon as he was on play might soon as he was on play might have been an unwise move; but if he unfairly changed his tempo without giving West the chance to collect his thoughts, the defender might easily have been persuaded to lay down the A.
In a distinguished tourna-

ment such as The Sunday Times

Pairs contest, an irregularity such as I have described has never taken place. Two of our most skilful partners, who have already occupied second and third places, are playing together again; and if Rodrigue is as much in sympathy with Priday as he has been in the last decade, and they successfully solve a problem such as follows, they should be well into the first few pairs. At a score of love all East has opened Two Spades, announcing four spades and a longer club suit. South doubles for a take-out and West redoubles.
In South's position, with no knowledge beyond what I have given of the distributions, what

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Despite his limited strength and a possible escape into Two pass the redouble, and was re-warded when the defenders made three hearts, two clubs and two trumps for a 600 penalty. A rich reward for superb judgment.

### Chess

### Memorable names

Last week I wrote about the great players who had visited Hastings, and arising out of this, I got to wondering whose chess of all these great men it was most joy to behold. And, as a natural extension, whose presence and company was the most agreeable.
This was in fact a bitter-

sweet occupation since all too many had gone on that dark road unde negant redire quemquam and, even though it was a joy to have known them, the Dante remark that there is no greater sorrow than the rememall too true.

all too true.

Looking at the list of first prize-winners in the Hastings Congress programme I see some 51 names and I have little difficulty in picking out from these the ones that pertain to great players, though which one of these was or is the most agreeable is a much more per-plexing problem. I absolve my-self from any feelings of mock-modests at not singling our premodesty at not singling out my place the tournament in which place the tournament in which I figured in a tie for first prize has good claims to be considered among the weaker of all the Eastings series and in the second there are many occasions on which I find my own company most disagreeable.
It is in any case only with
world figures that I am concerned here and in this respect Alekhine and Capablanca come first to mind. Both produced marvellous chess. Alekhine, as Tartakower writes somewhere, I think in Die Hypermoderne Schachpartie, plays Sonnen schach (sun-chess) and indeed the rich warmth of the sun scems to play on and pervade his genial combinations. The classical serenity of a Capaclassical serenity of a Capa-blanca game and the deep pure line of strategy that charac-terizes his style of play, these are delights for the connoisseur. But though, as a young master, I was on friendly terms with both of these great men, I think I would find them a little too august for agreeable com-pany.

pany. In the company of Tartakower, on the other hand, I experienced no feelings of constraint or restraint. The constant stream of wit that flowed from him was a joy and a delight.
But, great player though he was,
I doubt whether he was quite
the world figure I have in mind. the world figure I have in mind.
Such world figures were certainly both Botvinnik and Tal and their games delight and will continue to delight chessplayers throughout the world and the ages. They are also very agreeable company. But with Botvinnik, even though we are good friends, I have always felt that he is holding back something in reserve, rather like the critic's judgment of

something in reserve, rather like the critic's judgment of Matthew Arnold that "he never spoke out". While with Tal I always have the uneasy feeling that I am dealing with a genius from outer space, one of Shakespeare's creatures that are all air and fire.

Other names that stand out in Hastings' rich list are those of Rubinstein, Bronstein, Korchnii, Spassky, Karpov and Keres. Any and everyone of

when the defenders to clubs the trumps for a 600 A rich reward for dgment.

Edward Mayer

Korchn 1. Spassky, Karpov and Keres. Any and everyone of these have produced hundreds (perhaps even thousands) of wonderful games. But of them all I think that those of Rubinstein and Keres were the most deightful.

The control of the co

Rubinstein I only saw at a Rubinstein I only saw at a distance when I was a boy but Keres was a friend from the time I first met him at the Warsaw Olympiad of 1935 and he eventually became my hest friend among the great mesters. Of all the world chees figures it is his chess and his personality that was the most agreeality that was the most agree-

able.
There is little point in giving one of his games here since he has annotated them so magnificently in his own three volume selection of his games which I brance of happy times past is lished by Barrie and Jenkins

some years ago.
Instead here is a sparkling game from the current Hastings ICL grandmaster routnament. White:—Makarychev Black:—Raicevic French Defence:

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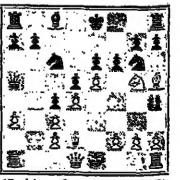
The main, and safer, line here is 7...Q-BZ. The reason why it is safer is because it leaves the Queen well centralised, the importance of this soon becom-

8 B-Q2 ON-83 9 B-K2 P-85

Relaxing the tension in the centre and so permitting the ensuing Knight manosure by White: better was 9 ... 0-0.

This move prepares another nistake; correct was 10 ....
P-KR3 to which White could reply 11 N-R3, having in mind one of two further continuations:—P-B4 or N-B4 according

to circumstances. 11 B-R5 ch



(Position after 11 N-N3) If 11 . . P-N3; 12 PxP, whilst after 11 . . K-B1; 12 PxP, PxP; 13 Q-B3, Black's King is very badly placed.

12 NARP K-82 17 GXNPK-82 13 N-N5 ch PAN 18 B-87 GR-Q1 14 Q-83 ch K-K1 18 BAKP KR-K1 15 BAN ch K-Q1 20 BAB RAB 16 Q-87 B-Q2 21 QXP R(K1)-K2

At the expense of the loss of four pawns Black has got his King into comparative safety. The position is ripe for resignation and anyone whose heart is not made of aes triplex would have given up in despair and awe at the sight of White's four united passed pawns.

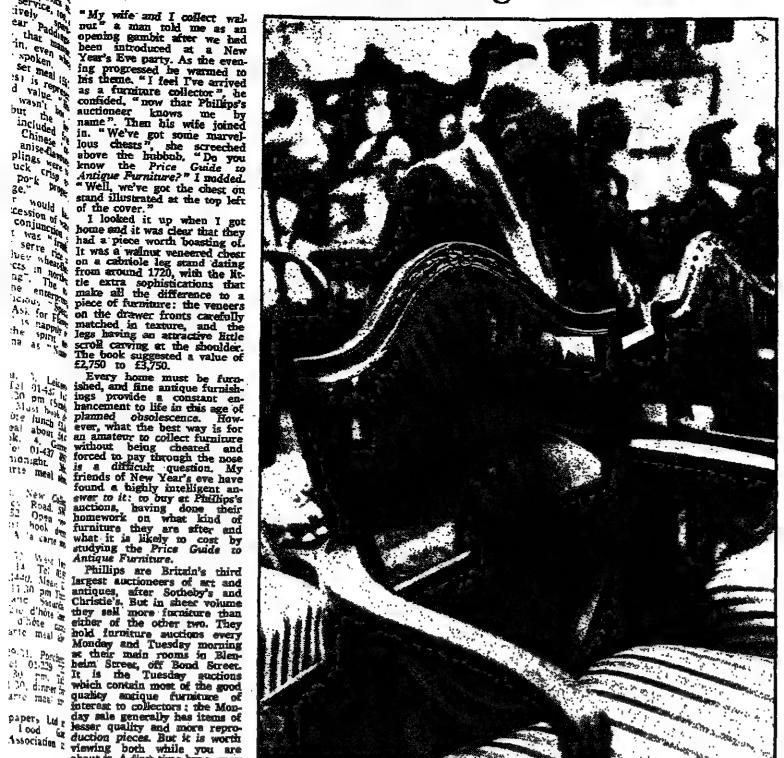
22 O-O R-N2 25 O-R6 R-K2 23 O-K3 R(O2)-B2 25 B-B4 ch K-f/3 24 P-K6 R-B4 27 B-Q6 K-R3 He cannot save the exchange since if 27 ... R-K1; 28 Q-N6 wins material.

28 Balt NaB 20 P-B4 Q-Q3 28 O-R7 D-92 31 DR-X1 resigns Harry Golombek

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Collecting

### The ultimate guide



Intense concentration at the furniture sale at Phillips.

what it is likely to cost by studying the Price Guide to Antique Furniture.

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remember that very little old furniture has survived unaltered end that the greatest experts fren disagree and make mis-

There are two other furni-ture buyers' difficulties which Phillips can help to solve. One is transportation; they can advise on a local carrier which regularly collects goods from

chases to your home. The other is restoration, Much furniture sold at auction is battered and not in immediately usable condition. Phillips can put you in dition. Paidings can put you in touch with specialist restorers who will collect the piece from them and deliver it to your home fully restored. If you want advice before a sale on how costly the restoration of a particular piece might prove, Phillips staff will provide advice. Many private people who

venture rarely into a sale room are shy of asking questions or advice. Chris Hawkings, an assistant managing director, assures me that they wish people would not be frightened. They like answering questions and are always ready to help. The tremendous increase in message is getting across. Desi-ers used to be the auction pur-chasers; now private purchasers

are busy during the week Philips open on Saturday morning; both Monday and Tuesday's sales can be peacefully viewed. It is certainly advisable to view several sales and, if possible, attend one or two, before you start buying—it gives you a feel for the range of furnisher avail-

This is also where the Price Guide to Antique Furniture comes in. It is an admirable book written by John Andrews and published by the Antique Collectors' Club, Church Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk, et £12.50. The second edition of 1978 contains over 1,000 photographs of the kind of antique furniture generally available; each picture is accompanied by pithy comments on the signs of quality and/or falsing to look for, and a price range is suggested. The first price revision list, bringing these valuations right up to dete, is to be published this mouth.

Next Tuesday's furniture sale This is also where the Price

Next Tuesday's furniture sale time curve to the front estimated at £800 to £1,000, a simpler mahogany tallboy thest of similar date estimated at £400, the more down to earth and primitive look of a Jacobean oak chest with geometrically

Sets of merching chairs are so hard to come by that even reproduction sets can sell for four figure prices. A set of eight mahogany ladder-back dining chairs "in the Georgian tasts" are expected to fetch £1,000-£1,500. Dining rooms generally require more than four chairs, so a set of four

genuine Regency mahogany chairs are expected to make only £300-£350, while a set of eight reproduction "Regency style" elbow chairs are estimated at £500. Wainut is something different eggin, rare and greatly beloved; a Queen Annaburr walnur single chair with elegantly carved cabriole legs is expected to reach £300 on expected to reach £300 on

The cheapest period items are such things as washstands and porry cupboards (politely "night tables" or "bedside tables") which modern plumbing has made virtually obsolete.
A George III mahogany enclosed washstand, for instance, is expected to fetch only about £100-£150, while the estimate is

oak joint stool, a small and no very practical item, is esti mated at £200-£250 (finely carved examples can sell well into four figures, according to

Geraldine Norman

Architecture report

### Interior space as fine as any in modern London

Architectural Correspondent

Few people have the oppor-tunity to see inside a new buildtunity to see inside a new building unless it is a public building or they, a friend or a
relative work in it. For that
reason the quality that a modern
building can offer is still unknown to much of the population. After all, quality is not an
attribute frequently in he found attribute frequently to be found in modern developments such as shopping centres or central area redevelopments to which the public is admitted freely.

Worse than that, many quite passable modern buildings have very little to offer because they are no more than passable; the client has wished to achieve nothing more than space, and has adopted the minimum standards in materials and space with which most architects are

A client who is prepared to bave a special building is rare. Yet architects relish the chance ter architects relish the chance to exercise what little remains of their art once it has been shaped and modelled and triumed by all manner or regulations and committees.

The ability to make something special does not always require more more reportant.

special does not always require more money; sometimes what is required is ingenuity, lateral thinking or imagination. It is the way the money is used with-in a given budget that can often give a building quality.

give a building quality.

The Truman Brewery, crammed into Brick Lane, in Spiralfields, London, provides a very good example. The brewery required new administrative offices, amenities, workshops and stores as part of a larger redevelopment already begun.

The development was in a conservation area, and included two historic buildings: the directors' building, on the south end of a courtyard, and the brewer's building, at the north and. What singles out this development is that Truman chose one of Britain's finest architectural practices, Arup Associates, to undertake the work. the work.
The result is interesting at

two levels, that of planning and that of design. The existing jumble of buildings, with a courtyard little more than a grandiose loading bay, has been transformed into a formal London cobbled courtyard, with nearly comparisoned arrangely. newly commissioned wrought iron railings along the pevement and finely rehabilitated historic

buildings at either end.

The new backdrop between is an almost sheer glass curtain wall which runs from the brewer's house to the directors'



The impressive and spacious formal entrance, created by a glass "wall", at the Truman Brewery, in Spitalfields,

house and can be observed by sparrows as extending some way above both. Thus Truman has a new formal entrance.

However, the lower two storeys were needed for double-height storage and workshops, hardly ideal conditions for a formal reception area, Those have been screened behind a brick wall, lying behind the glass wall and

separate from it. The space be-tween the brick wall and the glass wall becomes therefore a front-of-house veneer of recep-tion area, walkway, lifts and access to the second floor, where Hes the bar, leisure areas and access to the three office floors above.

The glory of the Truman development lies in the space

back wall and the glass front which, in its own way, provides as fine an interior space as can be found in modern London buildings. The means by which that hall has been achieved are

Arup Associates took the logic of the three storeys of glass-fronted offices on the upper levels and continued the façade down to ground level, bringing it out from the main structure for the bottom three storeys, so creating a three-storey entrance hall.

Purists have objected that in order to achieve it, the brewer's house at the north end now, has a projecting glass wall hugging its curved, bow-fronted midriff—not the way to treat the exterior of an important historic building. historic building.

The architects retort that the glass is insubstantial, really only a weather protector. The true back to the courtyard, they say, is the great brick wall behind, which is suitably arched, beautifully detailed and religiously keyed into the older

It is a "now you see it, now you don't" argument. Arua Associates often see through their buildings to some inner logic, whereas the public looks at them only from the outside. In this case both sides are

Hence the importance of the entrance hall. In that grand space all is revealed. At the back the curves of the brewer's back the curves of the brewer's
house can be seen peeking out
beneath the patent glazing. The
brick arches of the main wall
are grand enough to form the
main entrance and reception
area behind the glass skin.

Above there are two floors of

Above, there are two floors of balconies which overhang with plants. The space is as impressive for its length as its height and the fashionable interior greenery is rising to the occu-

The balconies have a further function; they represent the main circulation routes on two of the floors. The fact of the corridors opening out into such a large, bright space completely transforms what might otherwise be humdrum, if not a little claustrophobic in places.

It is rare to have a space of such dimensions in a large space of such dimensions in a large space.

such dimensions in a new building. Yet the method of achieving it shows a combina-tion of lateral thinking and imagination. Huge sums of money spent on the wrong architects would not necessarily have got as suitable results.



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SPECIAL REPORTS

#### Drink

### Good and cheap

Average yields of the huge bereas the equivalent figure people drink about 90 litres of

Mendoza province, where about 72 per cent of Argentina's wine is made, has 32,625 individual vineyards. A variety of grapes are cultivated, including the Criobla and Cereza, des-scribed as "neither red nor white", and long-established in the country, Maibec. Tempranillo, Lambrusco, Barbers, Merlot are other black grapes, Chenin Bianc, Sémillon and whites but, for the finer wines Cabernet Sauvignon,

being planted extensively.
San Juan, Rio Negro and
Neuquem, La Rioja, and Salta climate in certain areas te of the vineyards are as rainfall tends to

tions appear to be of as high a standard as anywhere in the world. The National Institut of Viniviticulture was set up in 1959 and has 42 branches, con-trolling the vintaging, produc-tion and movement of all wines.

13,000 gallons came into Britain, the January to November, 1978 total was 500,000 gallons; a huge vintage in 1979 boomed so in 1978 that subsequent domestic consumption prices soared and the

Today, as far as the United Argentine wines are definitely very much so in relation to their quality. They have the recommendation of being excel-lent with many British foods, plus the considerable interest of coming mostly from ungraf-

In general, all the wines tend with some tannin, improving enormously if they get at least an bour (ideally more) in a decanter or carafe before being served. The Francheme Rose,

the 1977 rosé of Orfièla a darker, Bologna, 70 High Etreet, Hamp-ton Wick, Kingston, Surrey). The Franchette dry white (£1.50 from Tesco) is interesting because it is wholly made from the Pedro Ximenez—a grape we now think of in

Penaflor's 1975 Andean Pinot good with fatty fish and egg sauces. (£1.90 from City Vin-tagers, 47 Midlands Road, NW1, their branches in Bournemouth and Torquay, the Radford Brewery, Leamington Spa;

Brewery, Leamington Spa; Waiter Hicks, the St Austell Brewery, St Austell, Cornwall.) Penafilur also make the 1975 Andean Riesling (which I am assured is the Rheinriesling), light, crisp and pleasantly mouth-filling (£1.95 from City Vintagers and Walter Hicks). Furlotti's 1977 Riesling is quite different, somewhat tougher,

Of the reds, mention has already been made of the Franchette Red (£1.50 from Cullens and from Tesco), and certainly prefer to drink rather than dull or ill-made versions of European "known names".

fresh, leafy smell with a meany aroma that leads on to a full warm flavour and firm finish.

A. comparison of Cabernets from the Argentine would be fascinating at a "wine be fascinating at a "wine dinner". Orfila's 1974 Cabernet Sauviguon is shaded in tone, urim in style and an easy drink; Furlotte's 1975 is in some ways rather like a good Spanish red, full of flavour after the initial warmth of the slightly herby bouquet. (These are £2.10 and £2.20 respectively, both from H. J. Bologna.) Penaflor's Andean Cabernet 1973, however, is unusual for style as well as quality; the firm, one of the largest pro-

at twice or three times the prace (52.20 from City Vintagers and their branches, and from

Pamela Vandyke Price

Fred Emery

# The fading Thatcher image on TV

One of the sharpest differ ences between American and British politicians is the way they use television. Americans usually come up on the screen with a message they are deter-mined to deliver whatever questions are put by the inter-viewer. That way something the President says can usually be the focus for public enlighten-ment concern reassurance or ment, concern, reassurance or

ment, concern, reassurance or just plain debate.

Admittedly, over there it can become too much of a good thing, Judging by this past week President Carter has been coming close to saturation, but at least his message is coming across. So too, by all accounts, did Mrs Thatcher's in America when she was there before when she was there before Christmas. Reportedly she caught the mood of rage over

But what a contrast to what is going on over here. Last weekend's television message from Mrs Thatcher has disappeared without trace. It is almost exactly a year since she made one of the most effective television political broadcasts She then caught the mood of discontent with those public service strikes, and conveyed a sense of leadership.

sense of leadership.

Last Sunday came her first full length interview on British television since she entered Number 10. And can anyone say now what is remembered of it? Could it be her dubious unformnate payoff line that "no one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions he had money as well "? Or the rather airy belief that "reason will prevail" in the steel strike that prevail" in the steel strike that was scorned by those involved as soon as they heard it?

Or will it be remembered for all that dogged detail over possible changes in union immunities and de-indexation of social benefits? (Those who irritatedly remember it most for the blurred figurine hovering behind her head can be authori-tatively assured it was Disraeli). Even Mrs Thatcher's doughty champion at the Daily Mail was

The Prime Minister's television message last weekend has disappeared without trace. Can anyone say now what is remembered of it?

mostly with Mrs Thatcher, but the interviewer also has his ing sour grapes always say—to London Weekend Television's Weekend World programme for being selected to bring us Mrs

Thatcher's coming out.

I must declare my interest, he blurred figurine hovering of course. It is no secret to behind her head can be authorized earlief assured it was Disraell.

One ming Street nor to the Downing Street nor to the Prime Minister herself that The Times, doubtless other newspapers, and certainly other television programmes, both BBC and ITV, are in the queue

to question her. But everyone is entitled to their preferences. And Mrs Tharcher's handlers as they have been known to call themselves after the American fashion prefer what they see as-the less abrasive conversational style of Mr Brian Walden, the

presenter.

As a former MP, he and Mrs Thatcher could have been en-joying a long char in the Com-mons tearoom, such was the intensity of their knowledge of the finer points of policy detail,

as well as the extraordinary length of his questions which, for a change, Mrs Thatcher had

I doubt, however, that the preferences for Weekend World go so far as suggested by Mr Anthony Howard, editor of The Listener, who in this week's edition recalled that Mr Walden though a former Labour MP, was last year quoted in a slim Tharcher hagiography saying Thatcher hagiography saying there's no one in politics I'd sooner trust than Margaret Thatcher ... I think she would be one of the best Prime Ministers this country has ever

No. the Thatcher side calculation is far more practical. Although the number viewing at midday Sunday goes unrecorded, the aim is to corner newspaper coverage. It happens early, Sunday is a slow day for news. The trick usually works effordessly, and certainly far less strain is put on newspapers than in the coverage of a late evening live television appearance. By column inches the No. the Thatcher side calcupearance. By column inches the trick can be said to have

worked this week, too. worked this week, too.

But such, perhaps, was the concern with the medium that the message got lost on the way. Reflecting on the week's events I think I have found it, going back through the transcript. It was not the stuff about limiting trade union immunities, and possible cuts in public spending, raxes and even social benefits that we recycled as "news".

It was, rather, to encourage

It was, rather, to encourage It was, rather, to encourage people hurt by strikes to "object", "complain", "to have something to say about that", to realize as union members "that the way in which trade unions sometimes are operating now is giving you more power to inflict damage on others than it is to protect yourselves and your own families against and your own families against damage caused by others".

And regarding steel, to drive home the notion that we are all subsidizing steel workers' high pay. "In the last five years every family in this country has in fact put the equivalent of £220 into British steel. Next year . . , something like



Mrs Thatcher and Mr Brian Walden : fine points

on its side, and perhaps could so that it now seems like an divide union members and so uncertain trumpet? Stay prevail. But is this how things

another f30 per family ..., are turning out? And why was the Prime Minister declared. the message so muffled and The calculation was that the left all week without ministerial follow-up or orchestration

### West Germany holds out its hand to the terrorists

have been inconceivable. Yet there they were, the West Ger-man interior minister and the former Baader-Meinhof ter-

It was also part of a subtle and carefully orchestrated stra-tegy by the government to induce terrorists to surrender and return to society.

It is now more than two years since the last terrorist attack, the kidnapping and murder of Herr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the industrialists' president. Although they know that the terrorists could strike again at any moment, government ex-perts believe that the moment has come when, with judicious efforts by the state, some at least could be won back.

First there are signs that some terrorists, if not the memhers of the hard core, are disillusioned, repentant or simply fed up with life in hiding. Second, the more relaxed attitude by the public makes it casier for the government to

There have been some striking changes of heart umong rerrorists. Herr Horst Mahler, n lawyer and once a chief ideoingist in the Basder-Meinhof troup, decided during long rears in prison that it had all heen very wrong and wants to convince the others of this. . Herr Hans-Joachim Klein,

Eleventh-century Angio-Saxon

princes could hardly be expected to arouse strong political passions in Soviet-block coun-

rries. Yet a research trip to

follow up my discovery of the

missing exile years in Eastern Furope of Edmund and Ead-

ward acticling, upon whom Fraland's hopes of avoiding the

Norman take-over centred in

1066, has been blocked by the

(The Anglo-Saxon Connection), commissioned by Cassells about

the aethelings continental pere-

un the fresh evidence of their sojourn in Kiev and

South Hungary. Academician Nikhail Parlorich Alexeyev, the doyen of the Soviet Aca-demy of Sciences, expressed creat interest in the details of

the Kievan stay of the aethe-

ficance for Russian historio-graphy, offered full personal help. lings and, because of its signi-

In order to complete a book

Hungarian authorities.

who took part in the 1975 attempted kidnapping of the Opec ministers in Vienna, has written a book from his hiding place appealing to his comrades

former Baader-Meinhof terrorist, talking for almost seven hours and agreeing "we must tome out of the trenches".

The remarkable discussion between Herr Gerbart Baum, the minister, and Herr Horst Mahler, condensed and published nationwide by Der Spiegel magazine, not only demonstrated a striking change of atmosphere in West Germany.

Place appealing to his comrades to give up.

Frau Astrid Proli, another Bauder-Meinhof member, had in the member, had started a new life in Britain when she was discovered by chance. Three other lesser figures have voluntarily returned to West Germany from abroad to face trial, and Herr Baum says he has received "indications" that more want to come clean.

Interior Ministry experts reason that there must be considerable frustration among the terrorists. Few of their exploits, however horrifying, have actually achieved their sim. numerous arrests have thinned their ranks, and increased security measures; have made life more difficult. The state that they hoped to destroy is as strong as ever and the workers whom they championed reject them completely. Herr Mahler has said that

of the terrorists roethods among the extreme left-wing groups which are closest to them is "much greater than the public raslizes". These circles, which once provided viril support, appear now less willing to belp. Nevertheless, other experts media, to break down their are less optimistic. They believe blind hatred of the state—the the hard core, at least—some driving force behind their 40 are still wanted for arrestare as determined and ruthicse as ever. There is also evidence they have been preparing fur-

ther attacks. Herr Baum has ordered a ing operation in thorough study of the under-lying causes of terrorism. A lt was un coin dozen eminent professors are examining in minute detail terrorists' lives, the psychological

declined to cooperate. In order to help me inspect the excava-

tions and to study an ancient

land deed sllegedly referring to "the land of the English princes" in south Hungary, the British Council included me in

its 1979 cultural exchange pro-

the Belsinki accords, specifically stipulated under its section

III that "each side will encour-age the further development of

interest in the other country and to this end will facilitate

the development of contacts",

there seemed no reason to doubt that the Hungarians

would cooperate on a project of such interest to both Britain

and Hungary.

help.

But a Hungarian archaeolocist in charge of excavations in southern Hungary of the ruins

and Hungary.

In the end, however, old Cold War attitudes seemed to have prevailed and the Hungarian authorities forced the cancella-

Since the exchange p

gramme with Hungary.



We must come out of the trenches': Herr Gerhart Boum talking to Herr Borst Mahler, former Baader-Meinhof terrorist.

mechanism of extremist groups, social and ideological factors. This work will take a long time, but first results have helped Herr Boum and his staff to work out a plan of action.

Their main purpose is to try to communicate with the terrorists, if only through the news respect and accepted back by

The result has been an amazing operation in ministerial It was no coincidence, for

of a castle reputedly linked tion of my officially sponsored be asked is why this crude, pro-with the aethelings' stay there, trip on the eve of my departure vocative action? They could

Although the Hungarians duly issued me with an entry visa, they informed the British Council just as I was about to

fly out that the Institute of Cultural Relations in Budapest,

the body charged with the implementation of the Hungarian

side of the cultural exchanges, "was unable to arrange my pro-fessional contacts". No explana-

Since earlier attempts to con-

tact, on an individual basis, medievalists and archaeologists

working on eleventh-century issues, had been discouraged,

the refusal of cooperation by the official body created a classic Catch-22 situation.

stay of the Anglo-Saxon princes

could hardly have endangered the stability of the Kadar regime, the question that must

As an investigation of the

tion has been offered.

introduced to the German pub-

interview, said the government trial. Or that Herr Mahler could withdraw its extradition works in a Berlin architects request if Frau Proll would office by day and is in prison return voluntarily to Germany. only at night.

It was also no accident that The climax of the campaign she wrote "spontaneously "to so far was however, the histine Hesse justice minister the kisconditions in which she would which they agreed that society actions—to ensure that repent by held or that Herr Baum and terrorists were treated with assured the same minister in known contacts with terrorists
nuw The result was that Frau
Proll. unlike unrepentant terrorists, was soon released from

Herr Baum has been under
considerable pressure to declare
an amnesty for terrorists but
decided that one criminal

Nor was it by chance that Frau Kristina Berster who returned voluntarily from the

certainly not question my cre-

dentials as an author because

my last historical book. The Tartur Khan's Englishman, was

reviewed across four columns

in Budapest's leading news-paper earlier this year.

One serious objection would

have been that I speak Hun-

garian and, consequently, I would not have required the

services of an official inter-

preter to listen in and report

Privately it has been hinted

that the vetn was actually linked with my work for The Times. Mr William Rees-Mogg.

the Editor of The Times, subse-

on my professional contacts.

Hungary's Catch-22 game of blackmail

serious and decent woman who United States, was taken into sincerely hoped for a new life, the home of a constitutional or that Herr Baum, in another court judge while awaiting her

is far from perfect but can be changed by legal means from

group should not be given dilferent treatment from others. Nor can be interfere with the

ask the ambassador to help remove the difficulties for the

sake of good cultural links between the two countries. The

letter has been left unanswered.

State at the Foreign Office, has deplored the arbitrariness of

pointed out the adverse effect

such actions are bound to have

gramme in particular. We are also taking up with the Rungarian Embessy here their failure even to reply to the letter from the Editor of The

practical help. It is a problem that other British authors may

Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of

turus will have to face trial. He and Herr Mabler hoped with their discussion to reach

at least young people who may be tempted to join the terrorists, or non-active frame members who may be able to influence the hard core. But the hard core itself is a

different matter. Whether, in jail or in hiding they live in Storbe Adjustatija sealed off from the rest of the world and other people's ideas Any member who wanted out would never dare admit it to the others. All terrorists who join, one disillusioned member has revealed, are told the only way out is "via the cemetery".

Patricia Clough

depends on the good will of Soviet-block cultural apparat-chiks.

some issues of principle, as the high-handedness of the Hunagarians goes deliberately against the spirit of Helsinki. The decision whether, and in what form, Britain is to make its displeasure felt will, quite rightly, be influenced by con-cern for the continuation of the Hongarian authorities. In a letter he said: "Our Embassy in Budapest have raised Mr Rouny's case with them on a number of occasions and have printed out the advance of sections." East-West contacts, Yet it is precisely this concern that some East European states try to exploit to make détente an unbalanced, one-sided affair. Contacts, it seems, must be arranged on their terms — or not at all. on our relations generally, and the cultural exchange pro-gramme in particular. We are

Unless this blackmailing mentality is challenged, the value of the cultural exchange programmes will be greatly dininished. To make East-West contacts a real two-way affair. a principled stand must be taken by all those who care for detente and the fulfilment of the Helsinki accords.

· Gabriel Ronay

### How Auntie finds out who likes what

The formula is simple as well as economical. You book a hall capable of holding 700 people there are sents, this on the prin-ciple that on the night some will find more pressing engage-

Then you install a few micro-phones on the platform and have a couple more to rove in the audience. Piually, keeping a tight budget in mind, you let it be known by posters, press, circulars and, if it exists, local radio, that the meeting's on a keep your fingers crossed.

By this almost primitive means—and the lure of a few big names—the BBC has for nearly four years been keeping in personal touch with its audience. finding out its likes and dislikes and occasionally putting up with its bad temper.

So far 12,250 people have turned out in all sorts of halls and all kinds of weather, right across the United Kingdom, to talk about the BBC with its executives and its more easily recognizable screen personalities. The 1980 series—a series is usually about 20 meetings—begins in the Town Hall, Reading, on January 16, with Nationwide's Sue:Lawley in the chair.

Since the early days of broad-casting, the BBC has carefully researched its audience; but it was only in May, 1976, that Mr. Charles Thomas, chairman of the BBC South-West advisory council, decided that a public meeting would help his 15 merobers to judge the attitude of local people towards the cor-poration and its programmes. Two hundred people turned up at Truro and there followed similar meetings in Bath and Weston-super-Mare.

It was not BBC management's cup of tea at first; who, they said, would bother to turn out on a fine night, let alone a freezing one, just to meet

But people did; the idea caught on the Annan Report welcomed it and by the end of last year there had been 43 meetings, from Truto Stirling.

Governors, board of managenent, channel controllers, departmental heads-some 120 BBC people have now been exposed to public cross-examination. The questions get a bit predictable—why so many repeats? for example—but as the meetings grew, the BBC became aware that a lot of feedback was coming from the who felt motivated to express an opinion on matters of public concern. The BBC would like to feel

more wanted, in fact: they have to invite themselves along to a town hall or assembly rooms no one actually invites them. Nevertheless, wherever a

panel is convened it attracts an enthusiastic audience. The biggest was at Butlin's Bognor, where Noel Edmonds, chairman, and the team, persuaded 1,200 holidaymakers to abandon The BBC has for nearly four years been keeping in personal touch

beachballs and deckchairs for 90 minutes. This was the biggest meet-ing, the audience, cynics would

say, a captive one.

At the Coichester Garrison,
100 soldiers and their wives
put questions; and back in quarters, the concert hall was packed with people wanting to discuss serious music on radio and television.

Emboldened by this success, the BBC took the parish church next door and had some 400 next door and had some 400 in to discuss religious broad casting. Manchester City FC had a sports evening featuring Jimmy Hill and Devid Coleman. And in London again, Brien Redhead took a small panel of experts round the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables at Putney, inviting pagients to at Putney, inviting patients to give their views about the ser-

In response to the sensitive question of the increased scence fee, another panel went to Worksop to try to convince pensioners that it was well aware how difficult it was to set aside licence money in inflationary rimes.

tonary times.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has also been holding meetings—250 Isst year with another 30 to come before the end of next month. Then there will be a gap while applications for the television. contract areas are received; and finally, from June onwards, there will be one or two meet-ings in each of the regions served by the present com-

At these the public will be invited to say what they think of the applications. The findings of public meetings differ little from what emerged from an extensive survey last year. The information gained by the IBA has been helpful in decid-ing on contract areas; in 1967 the decisions were made very much behind closed doors. Now the authority is looking closely the authority is looking closely at all the information it receives about local loyalties and cultural differences from its

regional officers.
Considering the unpopularity of public meetings, the IBA considers that its audiences are holding up pretry well, an average of about 40, the best about 400. Whether the public gets what is wants will be seen when the new contracts are awarded. awarded.

Kenneth Gosling

The Scorrish vessel Bounteous was fishing off Cornwall for mackerel, not herring, as we said in an article on the fishing fleets on this page on Wednes-

### KARACHI SPORTS DIARY

nuently wrote to Mr Janos Times".

Lörinez-Nagy, the Hungarian
Ambassador to Britain, to completion of the book now assure him that the visit would upon me, all this offered little

be entirely in my capacity as an practical help. It is a proble author, not as a staff journalist that other British authors me of The Times. He went on to face if a part of their research

#### A whole new ball game

The seven nations tournament for the Champions Trophy, con-cluded yesterday in Karachi, marked the dawn of a new era of hockey—faster, stronger, and richer in spectator appeal. A foretaste was given in a similar event last April at Perth, Autralia; both tournaments having flourished on artificial grass (astroturf). The problem of these controlling the new hockey stadium in Karachi was not one of finding a crowd but of accommodating twice the number the stands can hold, which is about 20,000. Live television coverage of every game was intended to ease the pressure on the gates, an expectation unrealized when the arena was filled to overflowing for the match between Pakistan and West Germany. The total takings on that day

o intense that the gates were flung open and several hundred

came in free. In some parts of the world, including Britain, the game's impresarios have to struggle for gate money. Last September, for instance, in Brussels, the headquarters of the Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIH), barely 25 paying specta-rors saw West Germany play the Netherlands in a match billed as the star turn for a four-nations tournament on natural grass. The recent increase in the number of arti-ficial pitches in the Netherlands and West Germany, how-ever, is an indication that continental clubs have got the message. The whole operation points to Moscow where, as m Montreal, the hockey tournament will be played on an arti-ficial surface except that it will be polygrass and not astrotuci. There are, I believe, some

come upon us—it has been described as an extended form

of indoor hockey—there is no room for the physically weak. The results of the British team were disappointing but each member of the team had acquired a high degree of physical fitness due mainly to the efforts of their trainer, Alan Hargreaves, of the North Staf-fordshire Polyrechnic Physical Education Department (Made-ley). In the training of the athletic bockey player his skill and tactics have to be supported by fitness. The types of fitness are speed, acceleration, agility, strength (in the bands, fingers and shoulders), stamina and recovery. Graphs of the physical Education Department (Madereactions of every player in training have been plotted to see how he can develop.

One of the reasons for the

were about 140,000 rupees differences in resilience and similar lines. Samiullah, their another manager was that his the 1956 event at Melbourne in cutside left, has earned the title country could not afford such which the Netherlands took no paid. The demand for entry was In this new ball game that has exceptionally high work rate. As far as the Karachi tournak knowledge he has of hockey. exceptionally high work rate which can be calculated by counting the number of steps he walks, runs and sprints in a 70-minute game. He and his brother Kalimullah on the other

boundless energy displayed by Pakistani players is that their training has been fashioned.

ment was concerned the expaid by the organizers.
In any international hockey

he walks, runs and sprints in a 70-minute game. He and his brother Kalimüllah on the other wing—they can be mistaken for twins—usually show their pursuers a clean pair of heels. As hockey players they are naturally quick.

Each new international event makes heatier demands not mental, physical and financial resources. At the breakfast table in his Karachi hotel one morning, Wim Cornelis, the manager of the Netherlands team, spent a few moments in contemplation. He was not worried over the diminishing ball of cheese he had brought from Utrecht to appease the discriminating palate. The more pressing problem was his budget which had to be worked out to cover a total committation of 45 international matches from August 1, 1979 to July 1, 1980. The reaction of

part, Apart from the deep knowledge he has of bockey, which undoubtedly is his first which undoubtedly is his first love, he is an expert in public relations which probably made hin the perfect choice for the post of press liaison officer at the 1976 Olympic Games Richard Charlesworth's inter-

ests may not be so varied, but the Australian captain, came near to representing his country at both bockey and cricket. It was not true he said that he was twelfth man for one of the Test matches in Australia against Pakistan as regorted in against a action as reported in a Kurachi newspaper. When the real twelfth man was taken ill he fielded for him; an event which caught the eye of the television camera and led to the report. Charlesworth (Rick as he is called) did not go to Lahore in November, 1978, for the first champions trophy tournament. He wayed behind to concentrate an excitate hearing. concentrate on cricket, hoping "Beer without career changes that as most of the leading to career without beer", or cricketers had moved on to the

Kerry Packer series, he might get into the Australian Test side. This ambition was unreal-ized and there is no hope of fulfilment now that the Packer players have come back to the fold.

hockey fold came their goal-keeper Klaus Ludwickzak. After the German triumph at Han-nover in September 1978 in the European Cup, beating the Netherlands 3-2, in the final, he decided he had had enough and gave up international hockey in order to continue his studies.

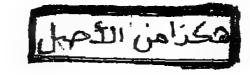
The prospect of an Olympic trip to Moscow hastened his return, made all the easier by the dearth of applicants for the hazardous and often thankless post of goalkeeper. In the period of self-imposed retirement, a taste for lager helped him to acquire excessive weight which he had to shed. The headline in a German newspaper reads:

Beer without career changes words to that effect.

The printing industry in Karachi must have worked over-time to produce the large number of invitation cards to dinners, parties and receptions, not all of which could be accepted. Amid this vast concourse of sporting personalities the Dental Association of Pakistan (Karachi branch) was able to discover that two dentists were present—Terry Great (Great Britain) and Andre Bolhuis (Netherlands). So in their honour, the Dental Association arranged a sumptuous dinner—comething to get their teeth into. into.
One of the more outstanding

Une of the more outstanding.
European players at Karachi
was Wolfgang Strodter of West
Germany who scored most of
their goals with his powerful
conversions of corners. In spite
of his heavy 28 ounce stick he
worked workeepers by still worried goalkeepers by rushing through from defeace and attacking them on both flanks. They could not keep the Wolfgang from the door.

Sydney Friskin



### **PUBLIC PAY**

Cutting public spending plans is never an easy task. It is considerably more difficult in a world in which the price of the services which the public sector provides is rising rapidly. Since the new Government assumed office last May, Ministers have been involved in a continuing exercise of spending cuts which is not finished yet. The Prime Minister's statement recently that she would like to cur another £2000m from the public spending plans for next year shows just how far her Ministers have to go before they can produce a satisfactory result. It also suggests an element of muddle in the control of public spending. This is an accurate impression, but it is important to understand the difficulties which the Government has faced in coming to terms with the situation which it inherited from its predecessors.

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Because of the way in which public spending plans are expressed, the new Administration has had to cut sharply in order to stand still. It has had to replace planned growth in the volume of public spending with stability. It has also had to ensure that the efforts which it has made to control the volume of public spending are not undone by a sharp increase in the cost of its services.

Yet those costs have been increasing in the first eight conths of the Government's life. The most important single component in public expenditure is Government should do this than

pay for Government employees. hope that it can make cuts For a period of three years until the early part of 1979 pay in the economy in general and in the public sector in particular had not risen faster than prices. This caused the relative price of the labour-intensive services pro-vided by the public sector to fall.

It was clear to most observers

by the early part of 1979 that this state of affairs was not likely to continue. Indeed, the winter of discontent which the Labour Government endured was the outward sign that workers in the public sector were determined to obtain larger pay rises than the private sector in order to restore them to a position which they thought fair. Yet although the signs of a sharp increase in the relative price of the services the public sector provides was apparent, the last Government chose to ignore them in drawing up its long term plans for spending in the 1980s. It is the present Government which is being forced to face the consequences of this misjudgment.

In doing this it has two options at its disposal. It can carry through cuts in the volume of services which it provides through announced changes in its policy. This involves con-siderable anguish as the cuts are debated and will expose the Government to criticism for not having got its spending plans for the coming year right at its first attempt

Yet it is better that the

through the use of the cash limits system. In certain instances, the deliberate setting of cash limits at a level slightly too low to take account of inflation can be an effective way of bringing down public spending during 2 financial year. But such cuts are more damaging in their effect, because they are unplanned and random, than are agreed changes in spending programmes. They

are also less reliable.

The Government is probably right to base its planning of cash limits for the coming year on an increase in pay and prices of around 14 per cent. This figure will put some pressure on Government administrators to find savings without being completely unrealistic. But the Government would be wrong to place too much stress on the idea that the cash limit of 14 per cent can be readily converted into pay settlements in the public sector. Such a policy would go against the efforts which have been made to break the idea of

a simple pay norm. What the Government must do. however, is to stress that in the public sector as outside there is no substitute for productivity as the way to pay for increased living standards. It is only if public sector unions and the public alike recognize this that there can be an improvement or even a maintenance of the standard of public services in the

#### STILL IN DEFIANCE OF THE COURT

this week by Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the European Commissioner responsible for agriculture, are a reminder that the issue of British lamb exports to France has still not been solved. In spite of the fact that the European Court of Justice has ruled against them, the French bave maintained their restrictions in one form or another. This point needs to be emphasized again because there is a danger of its being lost sight of in the welter of subjects now being discussed within the Community, not least the question of Britain's contributions to the Community budget. Unlike any of the others, it is perfectly clear cut. The French have broken Community rules, and have been adjudged by the Court of Justice to have done so. By their attitude so far. they have already weakened the authority of the Court, and hence respect for the rules of the Community in general. They need not expect to be allowed to trade off their acceptance of the Court's ruling against concessions by other countries on

There is no question that lamb

large inefficient, and prices are a great deal higher than they are in this country. An influx of British lamb would be likely to bring prices down, which would be good news for consumers, but could be ruinous for the producers. So the producers have made sure that their fears are well known, and they have received strong support from, for instance, the Gaullists. At a time when the eyes of French politicians generally are firmly fixed on next year's presidential elec-tions, when the Gaullists have

made it clear that they will be challenging President Giscard d'Estaing, the Government is extremely reluctant to open the frontiers to British lamb. The fact that the Court of Justice has ruled that they should do so does not cut much ice in France. It is not as if the Government would be required to stand by and watch its farmers ruined. There is nothing in Community rules which prevents it from providing assistance in one form or another to those who might be

threatened by a drop in prices.

Since there is no Community

policy for lamb, national gov-

The visits to London and Paris producers of lamb are by and France, given the level of prices now, and this leads to the suspicion that the French aim is essentially to obtain funds from the rest of the Community to handle a largely French difficulty.

It is very important, however, that the Community should not be induced to adopt a policy on lamb and mutton which would simply repeat the mistakes of the past by setting prices too high. encouraging overproduction, and adding one more sector in which there are surpluses to be subsidized. One of the reasons why discussions of a common policy for lamb-and goat meat-have made so little progress in Brussels is that French ideas appear to go in that direction, at a time when it should be obvious that the need is to cut wasteful expenditure on agriculture, not add to it. The cost is liable to be magnified when Greece and Spain, with their flocks of sheep and goats, become members, It is most unfortunate that feelings between Britain and France should be inflamed in this way over an issue which directly affects relatively few people. But the implications are important for the future development of a is a sensitive subject in France, ernments are free to do this. It Community that is not hampered at least among farmers. French could of course be expensive for by costs that can be avoided.

### CAMBERLEY, COLONELS AND COUPS

herley showing staff officers of the future studying counterinsurgency operations under the command of the army's leading old habit of preparing for the practitioner and theoretician in next outbreak of hostilities that branch of the military art, strictly on the basis of the Major-General Sir Frank Kitson, previous one. appear to have been watched more supinely than some of those concerned had expected. Perhaps the public's sensitivity to the subject had been over-estimated. After all, when for the past ten years the army has had at any one time up to 12,000 of its men actively engaged in a province of the United Kingdom in operaions falling under that heading, it can hardly be thought out-rageous for the Staff College to Tay serious attention to the role of the military when called upon to intervene in support of the civil authorities. Training exercises of that kind do not imply that the general staff is banking

that young colonels are grooming run from the LSE. themselves for a coup d'état. It is more like an encouraging sign that the army has thrown off its

All the same, it turned out that there was enough in the programme to attract a certain amount of flak from the usual quarters. Most provocative apparently was the bit that was most entertaining as viewed from the somnolence of an armchair. This, for the benefit of any who may not have seen it, was an interlude given in the spirit of a battalion concert party, interrupting more serious study of the collapse of civil order. Four colonel-instructors took the stage to portray four revolutionary stereotypes: a bowlered and brollyed City mole; a shop steward with a salty line in marxist

Television snippets from Cam- on civil war in Britain; still less and a primitive Aussie on the

There might have been reason for Equity to complain (perhaps it did), for the performances had a polish that verged on posching. But the complaints which have got into print so far are from the Scottish National Party ("racist slur of the Scottish people") and two Labour MPs who want to know if the Government had given its permission for officers to impersonate trade unionists in a derogatory manner. Nothing yet from the Council of the Stock Exchange or, surprisingly, from Australia where cricker's mission of peace among the nations has been backfiring. These protests, faithfully matching in caricature the caricatures that provoked them, will be grist to General Kitson's mill, where the effect of everything the army may do in relation to civil disorder, as has now been shown, is the subject of careful study.

#### Tourism in Ulster

From Dr J. J. O'Connor Sir, I assume that Mr John D. Taylor (December 29) speaks for his party when he congratulates the Government for its veto of the EEC proposal to spend £5 million to cacourage tourist development and rural crafts in the border areas of Northern Ireland. The spending was to be limited to seven districts, of which six have pro-republican majorities. The five regions to be excluded from the scheme have pro-British majorities.

Such a step would certainly have reversed the traditional policies on employment and development of the Unionist Party in government at Stormont over 50 years. The succass of the Unionist policy may be

cass of the Unionist policy may be judged from the report of the Fair Employment Agency (The Times, January 12, 1978).

This shows that the number of unemployed Catholics in the Province was 2.5 times greater than the number of unemployed Prothe number of unemployed Protestants, that the jobs available to Catholics were in the lower-paid end of the range. Since only one third of the population of the Province are Catholic, these figures demonstrate that the unemployment rate amongst Catholics was five

times that amongst Protestants. Mr Taylor describes the proposal to spend even such a palery sum as discrimination at its worst. Since, as your correspondent noted in 1978, unemployment is "long regarded by local politicians as one of the main causes of violence", the proposal may also be seen as an attempt, however feeble, to reverse ~ one Fr previous discriminatory policies.

It would be inceresting to know if the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland was a party to the decision to use the veto, when the proposal had been agreed by the

jargon ; a kilted freedom-fighter ;

last Labour Government.
Since January, 1978, I have been waiting in vain for an amountement from the Secretaries of State of a decision to spend very much larger sums in an attempt to remove the continuing imbalance of opportunity in the Province. Would Mr Atkins now be pre-

pared to announce that such spending will be a primary aim of the next government in the Province, whether direct or devolved? The Catholic community there might then be encouraged to take a less jaundiced view of their future prospects as members of the United Kingdom.

Yours fairbfully, JOHN O'CONNOR, St Peter's College, Oxford. January 3.

#### British Council cuts

From Lord Kissin of Camden Sir, May I raise again the very important issue of the public spending cuts' impact on the British Council.

Although these cuts must neces-sarily be widely spread, the Coun-cil cuts do not adequately reflect the political, cultural and ecoupon its economic performance. This is not so.

Other countries, whatever their political or economic situations, are ready as never before to embrace our language, study our literature and accept our profes-sional standards and technology, and the educational services which British Council represematives pro-vide abroad on a scale which is neither lavish nor extravagant, con-tribute substantially to international understanding and world peace. To reduce this now is to lose irretrievably many years' experience and good will.

The Council has said that, if its grant is to be reduced, it must cut its job-related programme and export promotion work. Overseas students who receive training here will in whatever sphere they return, create a greater understanding of our thinking and so will, in many cases, contribute to our economic benefit as instanced by economic penerit as mistanced by orders from the Bihar province of India and from Saudi Arabia which were greatly helped by Council training schemes for middlelevel operatives.

It profits us little to encourage the free movement of ideas and people if we, ourselves, are not going to contribute. If we cease to export that which we do well in our society, and fail to maintain and expand the cultural diplomacy by which such export is achieved we will become that much poorer.

#### Christians and power politics

From Canon Paul Oestreicher Sir, Thank God Cardinal Rume (arricle, January 3) is prepared to accept the burdens of prophetic Christian leadership. It has never been more needed. With gentle moderation, in language much less strident than that Jesus of Nazareth might have used, the good Cardinal those to remind us at the beginning of this decade that to contive at the death of millions of God's children by starvation in the interests of the security of the rich nations cannot be squared with Christian discipleship. It is profoundly sinful.

My colleague Canon Bertley (The Times, January 8), in challenging the Cardinal, purs himself firmly in the long Jewish and Christian tradition exemplified by the Temple rulers in Jerusalem who turned rulers in Jerusalem who turned lesus over to the Roman governor for execution because the pax rollana, for all its shortcomings, was more acceptable than the risks involved in struggling for God's Kingdom on earth. The Cardinal does not underestimate the difficulties. He knows as well as Canon Bentley that belief in man's divine dignity provides an "almost impossible programme for political and social reform". If the Resurrection is true, then Christians are comis true, then Christians are com-mitted to a belief in the possibility of the apparently impossible, both here and hereafter. A Church that proclaims less than that has no unique raison d'être, no ultimate good news for man.

good news for man.

Canon Bendley can conceive of circumstances when, in the pursuit of national defence, the use of nuclear weapons may be justified. I cannot even think of an argument based on enlightened self interest that would justify the high risk of turning and others. turning our planet into a nuclear waste land. The ethics of Jesus. waste land. The ethics of Jesus, which Canon Bendley dismisses as "Utopian dreams", rule out any

such calculation.
Cardinal Hume is right to dream dreams. But he is far from pleading for Utopia now. He simply puts his moral authority behind those working against huge odds for a sensible measure of universal disarmament and for diverting the resources seved to feeding the hungry. Can any Christians do less and still claim that the Gospel has relevance for the whole of life?

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The guif between Christians who, like St. Paul, are prepared to wrestle against powers and principalities of this world and those who settle for something like the world as it is—that gulf is much more tragic than our sad but superficial denominational divisions. ticisi denominational divisions. Yours sincerely, PAUL OESTREICHER,

Church of the Ascension 40 Dartmound Row, SE10.

#### Mrs Gandhi's return From Mr Philip Jackson

Sir, I am, in num, astonished that you express surprise (leader, January 8) at the speed with which the Indian people have apparently "forgotten" the excesses of Mrs Gaudhi's Emergency rule by re-electing her with an unprecedented

For the vast mass, life is a daily struggle against poverty, an often debilitating climate and bureau-crats who as frequently hinder as help the poor who themselves canafford the bribes, however small, that are usually needed to make things happen. As the World Bank has so lucidly stated, theirs is "a condition of life so characterized by malnutrition, illiteracy, disease, squalid surroundings, high infant mortality and low life expec-tancy as to be beneath any rea-sonable definition of human de-

cency " Is it, therefore, really surprising that people in this condition should look upon the kind of freedom under democracy which we hold so dear as a luxury which they might be glad to consider after other, more basic, needs have been fulfilled? I do not think

They mostly remember that under Mrs Gandhi prices were more or less stable; it was safe to walk about after dark; trains ran on time; and officials of government and state-run organizations worked more efficiently and showed a more ready cooperation with the poorer secother considerations, they have voted for this situation to return, for without it they have even less chance of giving their children a better life. Yours faithfully,

PHILIP JACKSON, 365 Woodstock Road, Oxford.

#### Hospitality to MEPs From Lord Bessborough

Sir, As a former vice-president of the old indirectly elected European Parliament, I should like to add my voice to those of Lord Greenwood, Lord Walston and Lord Bethell that both Houses of the British Parliameet should be as generous as possible in offering facilities to Members of the European Parlia-

I spoke strongly on the subject in the Lords select committee on the European Communities, but was unfortunately unable to repeat these arguments on the floor of the House due to other parliamentary

engagements. I well remember, during six and a half years in the Parliament, how useful it was to be able to attend committee meetings in Westminster and have unrestricted access to the House of Lords library, restaurant and guest room.

It is good to know from Robin Squire, MP, (January 3) that our Leader in Europe, Mr Scott-Hopkins, and other MEPs do attend meetings in the Commons (and may say on occasion in the Lords) but I do feel MEPs should have some kind of automatic right of access to Palace of Westminster facilities and the galleries in both

I cannot believe that so many would aitend at any one time as seriously to impede the services rendered to United Kingdom Yours faithfully, BESSEOROUGH,

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freeing the hostages in Tehran

From Projessor F. A. Hayek, FBA Sir, I am genuinely puzzled by the restraint shown by the United States in the recent emergency and would be grateful to be instructed

what the moral or political arguments are against the kinds of steps which in the past any of the great powers would have taken in such a situation. It seems to me that the future of

peaceful international relations and the safety of persons in foreign countries would have been much better served if, after the Iranian Government placed itself outside the community of nations by ap-proving the holding captive of the personnel of the United States embassy, the United States Government had at once sent an ultimatum saying that, unless every single member of the embassy staff were within 48 hours handed over un-harmed to representatives of the United States Government at some place outside Iran, bombs would be falling at an increasing rate at the seat of the Iranian Government.

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Assuming it to be true that a
military operation to free the hostages was impracticable and would
probably have led to their being
killed, the Iranian Government have
created a position in which violence
governs. In such a situation, in
which the future principles of the
relations between pations are at relations between nations are at issue, the lives of 50 employees of government cannot count more than those of 50 soldiers in another

war situation. Nobody would hesitate to risk the lives of 50 naval personnel if pirates had placed themselves in command of a modern warship and begun preying upon trade, nor doubt that even the lives of private citizens threatened for blackmail in a foreign country must not be allowed to force government to do anything contrary to the basic laws of the country. I believe that in the long run not only many lives would have been saved but peaceful intercourse between nations been better secured if a government with the power to punish international evilorers had promptly done so. Is it not yet understood that the new international organizations do not yet possess this indispensable power?

Yours faithfully, F. A. BAYEK. Urachstrasse 27, D-7800 Freiburg (Braisgau), West Germany.

From Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP for Bury St Edmunds (Conservative) Sir, Travelling in India, the Gulf and Oman, I am struck by the apprehension that the religious revo-lution in Iran and, now, the Soviet Union's military moves in Afghanistan have caused among the friends of the West. Coming on top of the Communist block's earlier advances into Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa, these events have created an impression that the western position is crumbling while that of the Soviets inexorably is improving in

### any of this have bappened?

a region which supplies 60 per cent of Europe's, 25 per cent of North America's, and 90 per cent of Japan's oil. President Carter is right to respond by "discretion" in Iran and "valour" against the Sovier's advance towards the Khyber Pass and the Straits of Hormuz. But need

Every time another domino topples in this vital area, I am reminded of the folly of Britain's premature abandonment of the Gulf. We could have stayed. We should have sraved, at least while our Gulf friends wanted us to do so. If we had. I venture to suggest that the Shah would not have over-liberalized Iran, thereby hastening his downfall, and the Americans (and perhaps ourselves) would not now be looking for the military facilities and political allies they now need to reinforce the position of the West (and its friends) throughout Arabia and the Western Indian Ocean. Yours faithfully,

ELDON GRIFFITHS House of Commons.

From Mr Brian Thomas Sir. I am afraid that the Director of the United Nations Association January 5) is mistaken. The Soviet Union and Afghanistan are not parties to a dispute", and there-fore there is no question of the Soviet invasion being considered under Chapter VI of the United Nations Charter. However, many thousands of Afghans may have objected, their existing Government has not, and is therefore not in dis-pute with the Government of the Soviet Union.

Acts of aggression, which is what the invasion presumably is, can be considered only under Chapter VII; that is, with the Soviet Union exer-

cising its veto, as it now has. And that is as it should be. The United Nations was not designed to deal with acts of aggression commit-ted by sny of the five principal powers. Had the veto not been in-corporated into the Charter, it is most unlikely that either the Soviet Union or the United States would have consented to join. What kind of aggression the

Soviet Union has now committed is by no means as clear as some of your correspondents suggest. what she has done is to move more troops into a country over which she already had considerable control. With the proposed nuclear build-up in Western Europe, the continuing hostility of China and the increasingly unstable situation in the Moslem world (including Afghanistan under the Amin regime), it is perhaps not altogether surprising that she was not prepared to risk losing whatever influence she already had. Yours faithfully.

BRIAN THOMAS, Principal Lecturer in International Relations, Polytechnic of North London,

conscientious discharge of duty . . .

which we shall do well from our different points of view to follow. (Hear, hear and cheers)."

April 2 1880—at Bonnyrigg, (in mid-

"... I never wish to mention the name of Lord Dalkeith without ex-pressing any personal respect for

him, a nobleman . . possessed of so many excellent and admirable

qualities . . . I thank Lord Dalkeith for the courtesy with which he has

conducted this contest . . having expressed my obligations for his

expressed my obligations for his gentlemanly conduct..."

Four years later the Duke of Buccleuch died, and a subscription was raised for a memorial to him. Not only did Gladstone subscribe the maximum amount allowed, but in a letter to Lord Lothian, the organizer, he referred to it as a "tribute to his public and private character in a long and honoured.

campaign).

### 2 Eden Grove, N7. nent. . . I render to the Duke of Buccleuch as freely as to Lord Dalkeith this tribute, that he . . . is in all respects what a British noblemen ought to be, and sets to

#### Gladstone's return From the Duke of Buccleuch and

Duestusberry Sir, Fresh accusations made against my ancestors of trying to "rig" the 1880 Midlothian Election by Dr Matthew (December 7; remain unanswered. Not only did he admit there was no evidence to support lan Bradley's original charge but provided no evidence to support his own, apart from an absurd quotation from Professor Kelly, concerning threass to exict or inconcerning threats to evict or in-crease the repts of feuers who voted the wrong way. This is absurd be-cause it would have been impos-sible: feuers do not have leases, do not pay rents and, as perpetual proprietors of their land, cannot be

Accusations of vote rigging by bullying and manufacturing faggor votes ring equally hollow in view of Gladstone's own public tributes to both his opponent and his father, which he would hardly have made to anyone sinking to the dishonourable depths suggested by Liberal Party activists in the heat of political battle and repeated by latter-day

Here are some examples: At the opening meeting of the Mid-lothian campaign in Edinburgh, November 26 1879.

"I will begin by avowing my per-sonal respect for my poble oppo-

character in a long and honoured, as well as distinguished career . . . I assure you that no one joins in the movement with greater

pleasure. Yours faithfully, BUCCLEUCH, Bowhill, Selkirk.

#### Saving the Marines From General Sir Nigel Poett Sir, The article in The Times of January 5, headed "Admirals saved Royal Marines and Wrens" puts

emphasis on only one of the conclusions of the Harwood committee report on the size and shape of the Armed Forces, 1949.

Since this was an exercise aimed at reduction of public expenditure it might be of interest to have a closer look at how the committee worked and how it fared. The Chiefs of Staffs Committee

had been given by ministers a finan-cial ceiling to cover defence expen-diture but had not be able to agree either on the amount or on the divi-sion of the money. The Minister of Defence, Mr A. V. Alexander, accordingly set up a working party, known as the Harwood Committee, to study the problem and report

The committee was given a limit of £700m within which to make their proposals. In addition to Mr Harwood, the Civil Service chairman, there were three service members, Admiral Charles Lambe (later First Sea Lord), A.V.M. Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman (later Air Chief Marshal) and the writer of this letter. The service members were allowed to consult their ministries on facts and on costings but they were not to seek advice. Their conclusions

were to be their own conclusions and not influenced by their military or political masters. The struggle to get within 5700m took some three months of concentrated work, analysis, costing and

discussion. The proposal to merge the Royal Marines with Army establishments was by no means the most drastic; even bomber command in its then form could not remain; Chatham Dockyard, a political "hot potato" of the day, would have to go. · The conclusions of the report

were unanimous but when they were finally passed to the service ministries, there was naturally a good deal of dissent, particularly in the Admiralty, as your article indicares. The chiefs of staff collectively, however, were kind in their comments. The report had served to show that the £700m pro-posed was not sufficient to meet fully the defence commitments of

the day.
The Harwood Committee itself ended on a happy note. They invited the chiefs of staff to dine and afterwards to enjoy and meet the other crazy gang", at the Victoria. Palace.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL POETT, Swaynes Mead. Great Durnford, Wiltshire. January 6.

#### Rail road From Mr J. G. Scott

Sir. In reply to the Reverend W. Hill's letter (January 10) the wagons he saw were part of an export order of 419 to Rangladesh manufactured by British Rail Engin-

Just for the record, 200 of the wagons are for the Bangladesh Broad Gauge, 5ft 6ins (British Rail standard gauge is 4ft 81 ins) and the remainder for the metre gauge. So far, 82 wagons have been sent.

#### Private access to Public Records

From the Keeper of Public Records Sir. There is one point in Mr J. C. Sainty's letter on the prospective closure of the Public Record Office Reading Rooms in Chancery Lane (January 9) on which I can offer

some reassurance.
It will be our cim to transfer Chancery Lane records in frequent use to the Kew Repository so as to reduce to a minimum both the risk damage to records in transit between the two repositories and the number of items not immediately available to readers at Ker-Yours faithfully,

A. W. MABBS, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, WC2. January 11.

From Projessor R. H. C. Davis Sir, I am glad that Mr Sainty has drawn attention to the proposed closure of the Public Record Office's reading rooms in Chancery Lanc.

One does not have to deny the need for economy in order to protest at the folly of the present plan. The proposal is not to remove all the records to Kew, but simply to move records to Kew, but simply to move all readers there, whatever records they may want to see. The earlier, and most valuable, records will still be housed in Chancery Lane, but once the readers have been moved to Kew, the documents which they request will be "vanced" out to them daily.

As a result, fragile records will suffer from increased handling, and security will be greatly reduced. Will it be impossible for a record to be lost in transit? Will the accidents, never catch fire and never have to be unloaded in the rain? Will they never be robbed or hijacked?

It would not be difficult to arrange for a load including, say, Domesday Book or Magna Carts, which could effectively be held to

In short. Sir. it is hard to think of a more irresponsible proposal from a Keeper (slc) of the Public Records. Yours faithfully,

h. H. C. DAVIS President. The Historical Association. 59A Kennington Park Road, SE11.

#### When Greek met Greek From Mr J. Alty

Sir. You report (January 8) that Mr Karamanlis has taken the opportunity presented by the cur-rent talk of boycotting the Olympic Games to suggest that they should be held each time in Greece, and also to deplore the entry of politics into a "centuries-old institut dedicated to culture and peace". " centuries-old institution Let no one imagine that the Greeks managed things any better in the old days. If Mr Karemanlis were to turn to his Thucydides, he would find that in the games of 420 BC over 2,000 armed guards were placed around the sanctuary at Olympia because the games' organizers feared that the Spartans (one of the two superpowers at the time) might try to force their way in. The Spartans had been ex-cluded from the games by the

refusing to pay a fine after taking advantage of the Olympic truce to capture a couple of Elean forts.

The Spartans did not deny the act of aggression but claimed that at the time of their supposed violation of the truce they were not yet bound by it. For many of the participants in the games of 428 BC a major reason for attending seems to have been to use the occasion to reach

organizers, the men of Elis, for

agreement on a policy of supporting the island of Mytilene in its rebellion from Athens.

An institution dedicated to peace. perhaps, but, unfortunately, free from the taint of politics and war in sucient times as infrequently as in modern.

Yours faithfully, J. ALTY, 49B Linden Mansions, Horasey Lane, N6.

#### Writing popular headlines From Mr Larry Lamb

Sir. If your correspondent Martin Upham (January 10) knows as little about steel as he knows about newspapers, then he is not to be taken seriously.

On what evidence does he base

his absurd and offensive allega-tion that writing headlines not borne out by the story is "a technique normally associated with

The word "technique" implies volition.
Is Mr Upham seriously suggest-

Is Mr Upham seriously suggesting that journalists on popular newspapers (we will forget the word "tabloid", since it refers only to the shape) deliberately write headlines which are not covered in the text?

If so, he is libelling a great many members of my profession. In over 30 years in journalism, I have worked for a great variety of publications. of publications.

Of all of them, the two most concerned with fairness and accuracy were The Sun and the Daily Mirror. Colleagues who have worked for unpopular newspapers are unani-mous in their view that our checking processes are far more meticulous, and our requirements more exacting than those to which they

were previously accustomed. Of course, there have always been people foolish enough to confuse bold type and big pictures with irresponsibility.

Few of them, in my experience. have bothered to study the newspapers they so glibly condemn. LARRY LAMB, Editor.

### The Sun.

Pronouncing Kabul

From Mr Harry Jamieson Sir, During my time as a consultant in adult literacy in Afghanistan, I found that the most acceptable pro-nunciation of Kabul was to use the English word " cobble ". Yours faithfully, HARRY JAMIESON. 45 Green Lane, Wallasey. Merseyside

Yours faithfully, nomic advantages that accrue to Britain and the world from its activities. The Government's materialistic attitude seems to be Yours faithfully, eering Ltd, at Ashford. They are J. G. SCOTT, Freight Manager, Southern Region, conveyed by road to Miliwall India Docks, because the wagon bodies are too wide for bridges and KISSIN, 32 St Mary at Hill. based on the assumption that a nation's power and influence depend British Railways, London EC3. platforms on normal rail routes. House of Lorda Waterloo Station, SE1. Tanuary & The The spring

Houses.

### **SOCIAL NEWS**

The Queen is to be chief patron of Motability, the car-leasing scheme for the disabled. Viscount and Viscountess Boyd of Merton were very distressed that they were unable to attend the memorial service held for Lady Ballantrae on Thursday.

Birthdays today Sir Charles Ball, 56; Mr H. G. H.
Barratt, 75; Lord Black, 87; Air
Vice-Marshal S. O. Bufton, 72;
Mr James Byam Shaw, 77; ViceAdmiral Sir Robert Elkins, 77;
Brigadier T. Grainger-Stewart, 84;
Sir John S. Rennie, 63; Lord
Russell of Killowen, 72; MajorGeneral F. J. Walsh, 30.
TOMORROW: Air Marshal Sir
John Baker-Carr, 74; Mr Michael
Bond, 54; Major-General B. P.
Hughes, 77; Major C. W. Hume,
94; Sir Alan Lubbock, 83; Sir
John O. Rennie, 66; Mr K. C.
Turpin, 65.

#### Gala ballet for 80th birthday of Queen Mother

There will be a gala ballet performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on August 4 to mark the eightieth birthday on that day of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Other special occasions to mark the Queen Mother's birthday are: July 2, afternoon, garden party at-Holyroodhouse; July 3, evening; beat retreat and reception at Holyroodhouse; July 15, morning, carriage procession to St Paul's Cathedral, service of thanksgiving; Cathédral, service of thanksgiving; July 17, afternoon, special garden party at Buckingham Palace, amended by representatives of the organizations of which the Queen Mother is patron or president; July 24, afternoon, performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court (Service units with which the Queen Mother is associated will, take part).

#### Bryanston School

The Spring Term begins today with 565. pupils. The head of school will be A. D. Matheson. The school will be A. D. Matheson. The school will present Gilbert and Sullivan's lolanthe on January 25 and 26. Recitals on the new organ wiff be given by Roy Massey (Hereford) on February 27 (Hereford) on February 27 and Lionel Rogg (Geneva) on March 8. The choral society will perform Eandel's "Foundling Hospital Authem" and Britten's "StrNicolas" on March 1.

#### Charterhouse

The Long Quarter begins tomorrow. A. J. Lathwood is head of school and S. G. T. Willis is deputy head. A. J. Lathwood is captain of hockey and C. W. H. May is captain of football. The exeat starts on Friday, February 15, and ends on Monday, February 18. The Quarter ends on Sunday, March 23.

#### Harrogate College

Harrogate College reopened on Wednesday, January 9, for the Spring Term with 452 girls, Susan Davies is head of school. Captains for games are Susan Begg and Abigui Simpson. Term ends on April 2 and half term is from February 14 to 19.

### LITERATURE AND RELIGION

### Changing patterns of the 'exemplary life' in the novel

quest. Three teachers meet in Hamburg to finalize their col-laboration in editing a school

Once upon a time the Chris- The Idiot, whose goodness is Exemplary Lije, Secker and tian hero figured happily in of no avail. Above all Alyosha Warburg) he presents his novels, good and bad. He res- Karamazov, as the monk who readers with an engaging plot cued damsels in distress and must enter the hostile world, which evokes the ancient saved the victims of oppression. suffers and triumphs—as a He could also be parodied as a Christian hero in the Ouixone eccentric, a victor debauched world of The Quixotic eccentric, a victor over windmills and imaginary enemies. Yer he never became enemies. Yer he never became a target of ridicule and in the great fiction of the nineteenth century he blossomed into a Christ-like figure. Dickens created the prototype in Sydney Carton, who in A Tale of Two Cities redeems a flawed past of idleness and excesses he sertificial self-giving. Dickby sacrificial self-giving. Dick-ens's almost confessional Christian stance ends with the famous words: "It is a fer, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known. Even the agnostic Hardy set before us a Giles Winterborne in The Woodlanders who dies for his love. Dostoevsky, who was con-sciously influenced by Dickens, gives Sonia in Crime and Punishment a Christ-like power of vicarious suffering despite, or even because of, her past, a life of prostitution forced upon her by her family's poverty. Nor does the Christ-bearing image ever forsake the Russian novelist. It is reflected in The Devils when the nihilistic conspirators murder the innocent Shatov, in Prince Myshkin in

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: Paintings by Jean

Bazaine, Talbot Rice Arts Centre, Edinburgh, 10 to 5;

Centre, Edinburgh, 10 to 5;
Laszlo Moboly-Nagy, ICA Gallery, Carlton House Terrace,
12 to 8; Model Engineer exhibition, Wembley Conference
Centre, 10 to 7, last day; historic glass, from ancient Egypt
to American art nouveau,
Merseyside County Museum,
William Brown Street, Liverpool, 10 to 5; Adison Britton,
Crafts Council Gallery, 12
Waterloo Piace, Piccadilly, 10
to 5, last day,

Racing and Sporting Motor, cycle show, Royal Horticultural Society balls, Vincent Square, Westminster, 10 to 7.30.

Cat show, Cheises town hall, King's Road.

Harrogate toy fair, Exhibition Centre, Harrogate,

Lectures: Pontormo and the mannerist tradition, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 12; "Fanny Kelly—the underrated", by Alan Wilson, Charles Lamb Society, Mary Ward Centre, 9 Tavistock Place, Holborn, 2.45.

Lectures and audio-visual pro-gramme of paintings, poetry and music: Debussy and the visual arts, 10.30; symbolist poetry, 2.30; "Impressions",

Hail,

3.30—Queen's E. Street, Edinburgh.

Brothers Karamozon Little or nothing remains of this Christian pattern of ideals in contemporary literature. The so-called Catholic novels reflect the total disenchantment with the formerly accepted ideal. Major Scotle of Craham Greene's Hagge Sections of Graham Greene's Heart of the Matter soffers from emotional erosion before he col-lapses morally. Pity for his wife destroys his integrity. Orwell's criticism that Greene's "attempt to dress theological speculation in flesh and blood has senerated psychological has generated psychological absurdities" may ring true, but in the modern novel love and sin become inseparable, and religion is no help. Evelyn Waugh's creatures repel even if they amuse for a time with their Catholic clichés, and in the Protestant Gide's work the immoralist can be watched on the march. Both in the world and within the soul redemp-

tion remains out of sight.
The German novelist Sieg-

fried Lenz has expressly addressed himself to the task

of identifying anew the ideal

and our failure to find it. In his novel Das Vorbild (An

Guards Spectacular, masse bands, Albert Hall, 7.30.

Walk: Discovering London, May-fair, meet Green Park Under-

Boat Show, Earls Court, 10 to 7, Exhibition : Thirdes—British art and design before the war, Hay-ward Gallery, South Bank, 12 to 6, last day.

Lectures: Reactionary painters in modern times, Tate Gallery, Milbank, 3; Operas of Smetana, by Neville Garden, Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh, 3; Jean Bazzine, painter, French Institute, Edinburgh, 3.

Concerts: Cantilens, Adrian Shepherd, director—Corelli, Albinool, Brade, Vivaldi—Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh, 12.15; St Giles at Six, music by Rosenethe vocal and orchestral ensemble, St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, 6; Julian Bream, guitar, Wigmore Hall, 7.30; First Sunday after Epiphany, St George's, Hanover Square, 8.15.
Walks: Dickens's London was

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11: Lambeth walk. Cockney
London, meet Westminster
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and fliegal London, meet
Holborn Underground station,
2: Ghosts of the West End,
meet Embankment Underground

ground station, 2.

Tomorrow

book. It covers all aspects of life, such as work, home, travel abroad, celebrations, but now their turn has come to select a literary piece which will con-vey to young people a model of conduct. An old-fashioned teacher, now in retirement and fond of the bottle, submits a tale of a guard who saves a fugitive against his own will. A young rebellious teacher of mid-Sixties vintage rejects this ideal and submits instead the example of a doctor who prac-tises on board ship rather than on land where his father grows rich on medical corruption. Against this an untidy and ill-organized lady teacher tells the sad story of a mother whose boy is a criminal and whom she seeks to help in vain she seeks to help in vain despite the sacrifice of her precious engagement ring. All these suggestions of an exemplary life and their emendations are rejected and the hapless trio must find the com-mon denominator of an ideal. Lenz now inserts another "example" with lengthy snip-

pets of the life of a protesting biologist. Lucy Beerbaum, an exile from the Colonels' Greece,

who has chosen to identify rigs elections and plays democrative for the result in the end she Morais apart—and Their relatives herself to death in this demonstration of solidarity in a manner reminiscent of wants rhat? Lenz's critics, whose reception of this novel than the result is a solidarity in a manner reminiscent of wants rhat? Lenz's critics, whose reception of this novel than any hear favourable react. sort reveal a heroic stubborn-ness without doing much good-

Can a negative ideal serve? Lenz examines this with great humour. He satirizes the empty rhetoric of political prop-aganda which would seem to attract these teachers. He dis-closes the skeletons in their own cupboards: the old man caused his brilliant son's sui-cide, for his pedantic "ideals" drove him to despair. Still, the pensioner has at least the courage to resist street vandals and becomes himself a victim of violence. The young rebel teacher's marriage has foun-dered on his bad manners, the

has not been favourable, react not only against the useless-ness of the example but against the boredom which such ideals induce. Marxists condemn the culture which by means of such a novel evades the revolutionary class strug-gle. No ideals are needed, but (our) ideology! Yet Christian writers must reply that there is a model of truth worth livis a model or truth worth hying and dying for. Lenz is right to press for a bero and against ideology, and while rejecting the humbug of false heroics he opens the way towards the literary creation of teacher's marriage has foundered on his bad manners, the neglect of his private life in favour of public causes, his clever self-deception. The untidy woman is altogether a deplorable mess, extending from the way she drives a car, smokes a cigarette, to her relationships at home. How can people of so many faults set up an ideal?

Agreement seems near until the publishers' reader scorns the passive model of Lucy. What we need, says this seedy character, is action. Never mind Lucy, who incidentally

SIEGFRIED LENZ

Carter.

of the 7-million strong CIO at

about the same time in 1952, be-

cause of the deaths of their predecessors, and Mesny's first act as AFL President was to

Apart from the miners' leader, John L. Lewis with whom Meany had bitterly quarrelled, Reuther was the only

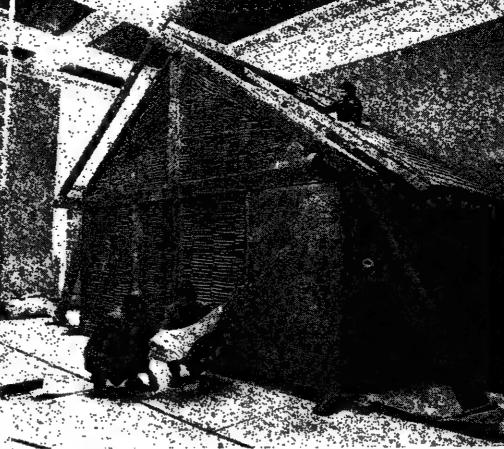
American trade unionist of

American trage unionist of comparable stature to Meany. But he was the younger man and agreed to accept Meany as leader of the joint body, astablished in 1955, expecting the

Relations between the two men deteriorated, however, and in 1968, with Meany show-ing no signs of retiring. Resulter took his United Automobile

succession in due course.

offer merger negotiations.



Vikings on view: Putting the finishing

Luncheon ·

**Dimners** 

Lord Aylestone
Lord Aylestone entertained members and guesto of the International Cultural Exchange at disner in the House of Lords yes-

The British-Chileun Council held its annual dinner on January 9 at the Garrick Club. The guests

included:

Sir Peter Asnee, Mr. Robert Arnole,
Sir Ronald Bell, O.C. MP, Mr. John
Blogs-Davison, MP. Sir Leafe Howes,
Mr. Nisel Binston, Mr. Timothy
Congdon, Mr. Brisn
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and Mr. Peregrice Worstbotne.

British-Chilego Council

which opens to the public the next day, is sponsored by Times Newspapers, in association with Scandinavian Airlines Systems, with the aid of a grant from the Cultural Fund of the Nordic Council. The replica of the Hedeby house was constructed at the museum by Danish carpenters.

touches to a replica of a Viking Hedeby house which will go on show at the British Museum next month as part of an exhibition on the Vikings to be opened by the Queen on February 13. The exhibition,

#### Forthcoming marriages Mr P. S. Blackledge and Miss S. C. Taylor

The: engagement is announced barwsen Philip Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Blackledge. of Roundhay Park Lane, Leeds, and Susan Caroline, second daughter of Dr and Mrs S. H. Taylor, of Aberford, Leeds. Mr J. M. H. Hutchings and Miss J. A. Ferguson

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and Miss J. A. Ferguson
The engagement is announced
between Merlin, elder son of Mr
and Mrs J. M. C. Hutchings, of
Hayling Island, and Janet Ann.
only daughter of Mr R. Ferguson,
of Tripoli, Libys.

Mr R. Gardiner, RM
and Miss L. E. Leverkuchn
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Mr R. Greer,
and Miss L. E. Leverkuchn
Edinburgh in the spring between
In Richie Gardiner and Louise
Elisabeth Leverkuchn.

The engagement is announced between Christopher Nelll, son of the late Mr Victor Malcolm and of Mrs Victor Malcolm, of Ston-ington, Connecticut, and Flons Kerst Caroline, younger daughter of Air Commodors and Mrs M. C. M. Vaughan, of Didsbury.

Mr. R. A. Siggs and Mrs E. A. Furness The engagement is aunounced between Roger, son of the late Mr. K. H. Siggs and of Mrs M. W. Siggs, of Bingley, West Yorkshire, and Anne, daughter of the late Air T. G. Chadwick and of Mrs J. E. Chadwick, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

#### Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before ax paid; ax not disclosed):
Battye, Mr Bertard Wimpenny, of Holmfirth, near Huddersfield. 

Republic £119,903 Hoggan, Mr Ralph Walter, of Bromley, Loudon £126,101 Murphy, Mr Joseph Ignatius, of Naass co. Kildare, estate in d, Wales and Irish Republic £139,870

Puffett, Mr Frederick George, of Abingdon, Oxfordsbire .. £126,241 Abingdon, Oxfordshire .. £126,241 Lancashire, have received com-Quagtino, Mr Eruesto, of Streat-ham, London ... £206,180 Award for Beritage Education.

### Mr C. P. Coulson and Miss A. J. Kelly The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J. F. Coulson, of Port Isaac, Cornwall, and Anthea. daughter of Mr C. F. Kelly, of Chiswick, London, and Mrs Catherine Kelly, of Kingston Blount, Oxford. Blount, Oxford.

Mr M. Hancock and Miss B. A. Craig The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mra K. A. Hancock, of Plymouth, and Barbara, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R. A. Craig, of Bristol.

Mr M. B. Tooby and Miss J. H. Pare

The engagement is aunounced between Michael, sou of Mr and Mrs L. G. Tooby, of Long Itchington, Warwickshire, and Jane, elder daughtar of Dr and Mrs C. M. B. Pare, of Epsom,

Mr M. B. Ward and Miss C. F. Guyer and Miss C. F. Guyer

The engagement is aunounced between Michael, second son of Mr and Mrs A. Ward, of Lordshill, Southampton, and Claire Frances, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs P. B. Guyer, of Highfield. Southampton.

#### Old Master sale makes £1,431,190

Christie's sale of Old Master paintings in New York on Thursday totalled £1,431,190 (\$3,234,490). the most successful sale of Old Masters by Christie's in the United States: Ninety per cent of the works on offer were sold. A painting on panel of peasants in a barn, with an itinerant musi-cian in the foreground, by Adriaen van Ostade, was bought by Brod, the London dealer for £75,221. It was signed and dated 1643. Still-lifes by Balthasar van de Ast were also in demand.

### Heritage awards

Abbot Hall art gallery, Kendal, and Leighton Hall, near Carnforth,

Science report

#### **Marriages** Mr C. G. Humirey and Lady Emma French

station, 2.

and Lady Emma French

The marriage took place vesterday at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, SW, between Mr Charles Humfrey, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Humfrey, of Longis, Alderney, Channel Islands, and Lady Emma French, daughter of the Earl of Ypres and Mrs J. C. Millar, of Stow Bedon Hall, Attibiorough, Norfolk, Canon Alfonso de Zulueta officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Edward Jones, Lady Lucy French, Emma Medicott and Suzy Nicolls. Mr George Wrey was best man.

A reception was held at 30 Pavi-lion Road and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

#### Mr I. A. Shenkman and Mise S. M. Watt

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The marriage took place yesterday
at St James's, Piccadilly, between
Mr Ivan Alexander Shenkman,
younger son of Mr A. I. Shenkman,
of 12 Hornton Street, Kenman, of 12 Hornton Street, Kenman, of 16 House, Wilstord, Pewsey, Wiltshire, and Miss Susan
Mary Watt, only daughter of Mr
and the Hon Mrs C. M. Watt, of
Wychwood House, Hethersett,
Norfolk. The Rev William Baddeley
officinged

officiated
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mathew Howlett and Elizabeth Watt. Air Gregory Shenkman was best man.
A reception was held at Boodle's and the honeymoon will be spent in the West Indies.

#### Mr N. H. Morison and Miss A. E. Turpin

and Miss A. E. Turpin
The marriage took place on January 5, 1980, in the Chapel of St John's College, Oxford, between Mr Nigel Humphrey Morison and Miss Adriana Edith Turpin. The Rev Professor D. E. Nineham officiaud.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr William Nelson Turpin, was attended by her sister, Miss Evelyn Katharine Turpin. Mr Hedley Marten was best man.

### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Christopher Vavasour, aged
41, marketing services manager of
BP Oil, to be chairman of the
Agricultural Training Board in
succession to Sir George Huckle.

Legal
Mr E. R. Heward to be the Chief
Chancery Master in succession to
Mr R. E. Ball.

#### Sale of art treasures puts Lady Mayoress The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at luncheon at the masterday: collection's future in doubt By Frances Gibb The future of another of Britain's

great art collections, that at Althorp, the Northamptonshire stately, home of Earl Spencer, was in doubt yesterday after it was learnst that three Idalian Old Masters valued at about £400,000 had constitutions and out £400,000 had recently been sold.

The three seventeenth-century paintings, which have gone to two London dealers and may go abroad. are "Liberality and Modesty", by Reni, "St Luke Painting the Virgin", by Guercino, and an allegorical portrait of the singer, Pasquelini, by Sacchi.

The discharge course into an extension of the singer, and includes the singer of the singer.

The disclosure comes just as the much coveted post of chalrman of the trustees of the National Beritage Fund, the £15.5m safety per to be set up on April 1 to preserve works of art, historic houses and land, is being discussed.

Lady Spencer, formerly the Countess of Dartmouth, who was active on conservation and heritage is: while a member of the Greater London Council, has been

Considered one of the important appointments in the art world for many years, the choice is expected to be autounced in a month by the ministers for the Arts and the Environment.

The Italian pointings are the latest forthers for the latest forthers forther forthers for the latest forthers f latest art treasures to have been sold or removed from Althorp. Their sale has prompted fears of the dispersal of another great art

Epiphany

collection, in the wake of the sale in 1977 of the contents of Mentmore Towers, the home of the Earl of Rosebery.

Lord Spencer, who inherited the estate on the death of his father in 1975, has faced heavy capital taxes and has offered several works of art to the nation in lieu of tax.

or lax.

A sketchbook by van der Venne, was at the British Museum, was accepted in lieu of a sum of about £150,000, which means its value at the time was considered to be between £250,000 and £300,000.

Two Van Dycks were accepted in lieu of taxes, One is now in York City Art Gallery and the other in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge; and two Van Dycks were sold by private treaty, one to the National Gallery and one in the Tate. the Tate.

It was also rumoured a couple It was also rumoured a couple of years ago that there were plans to sell the ceremonial plate of the Duke of Mariborough, valued at more than £im. But fears that that collection, one of the best surviving groups of English ancestral silver, would be dispersed were dismissed yesterday as unwarranted.

A director of the leading London

A director of the leading London A director of the leading London firm of silver dealers, S. J. Pidlips, who knows the family well, taid: "I would consider it highly unlikely that they would ever consider selling the Mariborough plate".

Neither Lord nor Lady Spencer was available for comment

Services tomorrow: First Sunday after

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from mid-century into the late 1970s—and well into his own 80s. In spite of a serious illness in 1975 be continued as President of the AFL-CIO (American Federation of (American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations) and it was not until some months after he had been confined to a wheelchair last year that he finally retired last November. Meany's bitter enmity towards President Nixon in Nixon's second and fateful administra-

MR GEORGE MEANY

Dominant US laboür leader

**OBITUARY** 

Mr George Meany, who died in Washington on January 10, aged 85, had carried his power-

ful domination of the United

States trade union movement

tion far transcended the scope-of the movement's hostility to economic policies based on try to bring it to beel. Finally, wage controls and trade relain 1969, Meany led the AFL. CIO out of the international tions with Russia; it burst, in 1973, into burspoken denunciation of Nixon's "emotional in-stability"; and into an early verdict also outspoken, that the Nixon administration had "cast The immediate cause resulted from the breach between Meany and Reuther in the United States. Reuther's United Automobile Workers applied for independent affiliation to the ICFTU and Meany resented the

a shadow of shame over the spirit of the nation.

The same power of rhetoric which he used earlier against which he used earlier against Nixon's Democrat challenger, George McGovern, he reproduced in later years to voice his opposition to some of the policies of Presidents Ford and confederation's non-committal reply. But more fundamentally, Meany thought the confederation should be more positively, anti-communist. He criticised A big, heavy, cigar-chewing union leader, he stood out among his turbulent colleagues European unions for exchanging : by his ruggedness and honesty of character, his clear thinking

delegations with the Soviet-Union and other communist countries. At the same time the AFL-CIO was spending large of character, his clear-thinking and his uncompromising handling of opposition or incompenence. Whether he was attacking the "naked and ruthless greed" of Wall-street bankers, or "the stinking Americanhaters who love Moscow" he never pulled a punch.

Tact and patience were required for his greatest achievement, however—the bringing together of the rival United sums on direct aid to workers in Africa and South America, and felt that their contributions to the ICFTU were largely. wasted. Relations between the Ameri-

can leadership and the TUC? were friendly, however, parti-cularly after George Woodcock, became the TUC general secre-tary. Meany and he, both men of strong and independent-mind, both Catholics, held each ment, sowever—the bringing together of the rival United States trade union federations to form the AFL-CIO. Meany became President of the 8-million strong AFL and Walter Reuther other in mutual respect.

Through the early 1970s Meany led the fight in America against economic restraint.

Under Nixon this opposition became a personal feud between the two men, with Mesoy using ridicule and rudeness to the President on occasion in public. There came a luli early in 1972: when Meany refused to andorse the candidature of the Demo-crat presidential candidate

crat presidential candidate; Senator McGovern, as tradition; would have demanded; and the luil continued when mandatory, wage controls were abandoned, as Meany sione had predicted. In December, 1977, as in 1975, Meany, at 83, was given a fresh two-year term of office by the AFL-CIO, this time with an openiprayer at the convention asking our carpenter in Heaven in our carpenter in Heaven in his infinite wisdom to allow our plumber from the sidewalks of New York to serve at least another decade, if not more".

Workers out of the AFL-CIO. He was killed in a flying accident two years later.

The British Trades Union Congress had a taste of Meany's bluminess in 1945 when, coming to England as a fraternal delegate, he provoked a storm by seathing collision of Precia's George Meany was born in. New York in 1894, the son of a plumber who was the head of a his local union. He left school is at 16 to become a plumber's apprentice and when he became gate, he provoked a storm by scathing criticism of Russia's "pseudo-unions", at a time when the British and Soviet leaders were working together to form the World Federation of Trade Unions. The Russian and a journeyman plumber entered, his father's upion. In those days members spoke of the org-anization with reverence, simost-as if it were a religion, and

be grew up in the faith.
In 1919 he married a garment delegate on the platform made a strong formal protest.

Twenty years later Meany created a furore in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Brussels by referring to "fairies" on its staff and condemning the "bureaucracy and ineptitude" of its administration. The AFL had heem restless members of the

rade Unions in Brussels by re-ferring to "fairles" on its staff and condemning the "bureau-cracy and ineptitude" of its administration. The AFL had been restless members of the of the New York state Federation of Labour and helped to get some favourable legislation through the state legislature. In 1940 he became Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL and held that office until he succeeded. William Green as president in the succeeded. ICFTU from its formation after the break-up of the WFTU. They were impatient with successive general secretaries, succeeding in ousting two of them, and were resentful when Sir Vincent Tewson was made Willis president in 1951, complaining 1952, of TUC domination of the body.

of TUC domination of the body. In 1963 he was awarded the On several occasions they United States Presidential stopped paying contributions to Medal of Freedom.

#### MR COLIN KEITH-JOHNSTON

the actor, who died on January 3 aged 83, is remembered as the modern-dress Hamlet (a curmodern-dress Hamlet (a currently popular phrase was "Hamlet in plus-fours") at the Kingsway Theatre in August 1925. This was the production staged by H. K. Ayliff of Sir Barry Jackson's Birmingham Repertory where Keith-Johnston had been a leading player.

Doubtless he was unlucky in the circumstances, for what seemed then to be the boldness of experiment—and the loss of

of experiment—and the loss of those customary suits of solemn black—overshadowed the quality of the performance itself: there of the performance useu: mere were complaints of colloquial under-speaking. But Keith-Johnston had presence, urgency, and a responsive intellect; if the venture had come a few years later, his Hamlet might have been more generously applau-ded. As it was, it had strong supporters and would remain as the crest of a long and crowded Born in London on October 8,

1895, and educated at Felsted, Keith-Johnston served in the First World War and won the Military Cross. He made a stage debut, walking on at Drury Lane in 1919; ensuing years at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, from the spring of 1921, were immensely valuable. Barry Jackson and H. K. Ayliff had faith in the young man whose parts during this period included Adam "a perfect Gauguin" said James Agate) and Pygmalion in the first pro-

Mr Alexander Campbell, a retired member of the advertisement staff of The Times, died on January 6. He was born on August 16, 1908, and educated at Harrow.

He was engaged in August, 1959, as an advertisement recomment recommends. He was engaged in August, 1959, as an advertisement rep-resentative of *The Times* and worked in the Display and Financial Advertisement Departments of the paper. Later he became vice-president of The Times in New York During his time in New York he made a great many friends in the business community.
In 1967 he returned to England and worked on The Times

Mr Colin Keith-Johnston, MC, duction (1923) of Shaw's pents teach, who died on January aged 83, is remembered as the After versatile West End experience—he was with Ernest Milton in Pirandello's The Mock Emperor early in 1929—the was chosen that spring to appear as Stanhope in the long. New York run of Sherriff's Journey's End: he returned there during 1931 as Lacrtes, in Hamlet (this time conventionally costumed). Back in London again, though he took over Clive in Clive of India (1934) and acted in Noah with John Gielgud (1935), he had nothing also according nothing else exceptional. Between then and the outbreak of war, be would move between such parts as Darcy (Pride and Prejudice, New York, 1935), a forthright Hector in Troilus and Cressida (Westminster, London 1938; more modern dress), and 1938; more modern dress), and—also at the Westminster—Gerald in the first production (1939) of Eliot's The Family Reunion. September of that year found him again appearing as Stanhope in a New York revival of Journey's End: be was in the United States to the winter of 1942 when he returned to England, was commissioned as a captain, and. missioned as a captain, and served as entertainments officer in the Middle East from 1943;

until the war ended.

Much of his further stage. where among other parts, he was Peter Shirley in a New York revival of Major Barbara (1956). He did a good deal in films and television.

Special Reports. He was also well known in Canada, and worked on several special reports on that country. In 1969 Campbell returned to the Financial Advertisement Department and stayed there until his retirement in August, 1973. Mr Guy Erskine Hughes, CMG, formerly Chief of Food, Agriculture and Forestry, Con-

trol Commission Germany, died on January 8 at the age of 75. He was Managing Director, ICI (South Africa) Ltd from 1952 to 1958, and Managing Director of African Explosives and Chemical Industries from 1958 to 1966.

### Archaeomagnetism: Cretan kilns

Walls of potters' kilns in Minoan palaces have revealed the strength of the earth's magnetic field in Crete between 2000 and 1300 BC. Crete between 2000 and 1300 BC. The new findings, published in Nature recently, trace variations of the geomagnetic field during that period and provide important information concerning the archae-

To measure the magnetic field in arcient Crete, Dr Y. Lintzis and Ms R. Thomas, Edinburgh Uni-versity, took advantage of the

an external magnetic field when fleated intensely; the material's remain magnetized once they have cooled, and the degree of their magnetization, measured in a laboratory, indicates the strength of the imposed field (in this case, that of the earth) at the time of the last heating.

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The magnetic field of the earth is generated by a natural dynamo deep within it, driven by the earth's rotation. The strength and direction of the field changes continuelly; for instance, it is well known that the magnetic north pole is slowly shifting its position over the centuries. A knowledge of the past variation of the field is of significance to scientists took the opportunity of trying to understand the complex mechanisms by which the field is generated.

To measure the magnetic field

In the extent of the latting. The scientists have examined the wall materials from the potters kilns of several Minoan polaces. From each kiln, they have obtained a value of the geomagnetic intensity. However, before any conclusions can be drawn it is obviously important that each of these values be assigned in correct historical date. Although dates of the palaces had been previously suggested by archaeologists, the scientists took the opportunity of assessing the kiln ages independently, using a technique known as "thermoluminements of the carting in the polices."

This dating method relies on the effects of naturally occurring background radioactivity on certain materials. The radiator causes omenon of "thermoremanent minute changes in the microscopic neism". Certain materials, structure of the material which as clays, retain the effects of accumulates over hundreds of

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years. The effect of innense heating can erase those effects, after which they begin to accumulate once more. The thermoluminescence technique measures the accumulated effects and allows scientists to deduce the date of the last firing.

Using these techniques, the sciencists have traced the variation of the earth's magnetic field in Crete between 2000 and 1700 BC. During this period they find that, between 2000 and 1700 BC, the field was slightly weaker than at present but that by 1500 BC it had increased nearly twofold. While these results are not particularly startling in themselves, they do fill certain gaps in the historical record of the earth's magnetism. Furthermore, one of the kilns was found to be 500 years older than archaeological and geophysical value. Source: Nature (Vol 283, p 54) January 3, 1980.

Nature-Times News Service,



yesterday when he was sworn in as a Lord Justice of Appeal Brown.

25 years ago Prom The Times of Wednesday, Jan 12, 1955

Nairobi, Jan 11.—By the time General Sir George Erskine, Commander-In-Chief, East Africa, ends his period of service in Kenya is May he and the Government expect the position to be stabilized and military activity against the Mau Mau gangs to be reduced in scale. The really important aspect of operation Hammer, as the large-scale sweep of the forest is called, is that it was only possible to mount it on a scale employing nine-tenths of the total military forces because the civil administration and civilian security forces, including the Kikuyu guards, are now confident they can maintain law and order almost throughout the tribal reserves and the European farming districts bordered by Mount Kenya and the Aberdare forests. This was always Sir George Erskine's objective. ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street; MC B.50, Choral Matins and Eucharist 11, Preb Dewi Morgan, Choral Evensons translate in music; 6.50. Evensons the music; 6.50. ST GLORGE'S, Handwer Square; MC R.15, Sung Eucharist 11, Rev W. M. Allitin. JAMES'S Pictudity; HC 8.15.
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### Opinion still divided on second division

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By Norman Fox.

Football Correspondent

Results of FA Cup matches have done little to help form a more definite opinion about the quality of the second division which, throughout the season, has been prompting extremes of enthusiasm and distillusionment. It, before the third round, a personal judgment had been forced, it would have come down in favour of the enthusiasts, though with some cautionary hedging. But even allowing for the singular nature of the Cup, the dismissal of three of the leading four clubs was unsetting.

All three victims—Newcastle

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All three victims—Newcastle United, Luton Town and Leicester City—fiad cause for believing that they would reach the fourth round, especially Leicester. It is now Cup history that Leicester lost at Harlow, Newcastle were beaten at home by Chester and Luton by Swindon Town, also in spite of home support. Although Birmingham City. fortified by Genmidl and Todd, confused the issue by beating Southampton, one of the strongest teams in the first division, the general mood of dismay was deepened by Sunderland's failure against Bolton Wanderers, undoubtedly the weakest.

Cheisea, third in the second division, have not yet been subjected to the dangers of the Cupbug have received fair warning not to deride the virtues of Wigan next Monday night, but before that they play their most significant league match of the season against the leaders. Newcastle, at Stamford Bridge this afternoon. With Luton meeting Leicester at the same time, it could be a day for hardening opinions.

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The leading five are acparated by only four points and Birmingham have a match in hand, so Geoff Hurst, the Chelsea manager, hardly needed an astrologer to advise him to say that everything could be decided on the last day of the season and that he watted to average a point a game until that time. A 3-3 draw at Luton on New Year's Day was evidence of that resolution.

gives the impression of frivolous abendon, but it is unwise to undervalue the effectiveness of Droy, the Goliath who often stands between them and s landslide. He missed the game at Luton because of a thigh injury



The injured Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, Milija Alecksic arrives at the team's hotel in Cheshire

but returns today against a New-castle side unchanged despite the defeat by Chester. Hibbitt, who signalled his discounter at being substituted in the Cup tie, has been fined but not demoted. By contrast, Lee, for whom Chelsca paid Torrenham £200,000 this week, has to play for the reserves.

With their confidence aiready shaken by defeat at the Harlow Sports Centre, Leicester return south to Luton without the leader-ship of their captain, Rofe, who has an injured foot. Three other players have sore throats, the result of the vest. players have sore throats, possibly the result of the post-Harlow debate, and Luton, even if Hill and Stein are not completely fit, expect to capitalize. The result of the last league meeting was a 3—1 win for Luton at Filbert Street in September. Manchester United will also be suffering from Cup disappoint-ment when they visit Middles-brough and can hardly be expected to close the gap between themselves and Liverpool at the

top of the first division. United top of the first division. United's defeat by Tottenham Hotspur was both surprising and strenuous, but they are a durable team and may themselves cause the surprise today. They make no changes but Tottenham, returning to Manchester to play City, have to find a replacement for their goolkeepr, Aleksic, whose jaw was broken in a collision with Jordan. Daines is selected even though he chipped a finger bone not three weeks

a finger bone not three weeks ago.
Southampton's considerable achievement in beating Liverpool at The Deli in September gives their manager, Lawrie McMenemy, more hope than most usually have at Anfield, but he admitted yesterday.' Liverpool have more march-winners than suybody else. They don't rely on certain players—almost everybody is a goalscorer." The point is not made without a singe of bewilderment. His own team are the equal second lowest scorers of away goals in the whole of the first division but the highest at homes

Motor racing

### Drivers move over safety standards of circuit at Interlagos will rest solely with FISA and the powerful Auto-mobile Constructors' Association. But Bernie Ecclestone, the FOCA president, seems to have anticipated the motion. An earlier

Suenos Aires, Jan II.—An extraordinary meeting of the world's
mp racing drivers decided hers
last night to relinquish any responsibility for accidents which
might take place during the
Brazitian Grand Prix
Fears over the sufety standard
of the locariagos Circuit in Rio
de Janeiro prompted a heated
mesting of the formula one Grand
Prix Drivers' Association to pass
a motion condemning the circuit
es unsafe.

But the race will go shead as scheduled because, said Jody Schecker the GPDA president: Certain young drivers have sur-

The meeting demended that the sport's ruling legislative body, the International Auto Sports Federation, about withdraw the safety certificate from Interlague, but they do not expect this motion to be acted apon.

The GPDA vice-president, Jean-Pierre Jaboulle of Franca, added that the biame for any accidents

Boxing

#### **Injury forces** Finnegan to call off bout

The bout for the vacant European middleweight title between Kevin Finnegan (Britain) and Gratien Tonna (France) in Paris, next Thursday, is off. Finnegan has damaged his left shoulder and sked for a next concernent of at has damaged his left shoulder and asked for a postponement of at least one month. Finnegan was ruled out after a medical examination last night. The specialist told him that with treatment he would be able to train again in about 10 days.

This is Finnegan's second postponement in consecutive bours because of injury. His British middleweight championship clash moved from October to November, when he damaged his back in training. Finnegan, who won the British title for the third time when he best fitson on points, said yesterday? "The shoulder said yesterday: "The shoulder troubled me after sparring on Tuesday.

#### |Spinks attempt to regain confidence

meeting of the constructors is believed to have come up with a document which each of the participath in the interiegos race will be asked on sign.

Sources flows to FOCA say that the document contains two.

sources close to roca any time the document courins two clauses, one disassociating the driver from the GPDA motion, and another stating that the driver will be competing of his own free will, without shifting legal responsibility to enother outputs.

The former world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, who has not boxed since being knocked out in the first round by Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa, seven months ago, meets Alfredo Evangelista, of Spain, over 10 rounds in Atlantic City today. In this attempt to regain his confidence Spinks has replaced his narrowwaisted physique with a barrel-

chested one, and weighs 205ib. If he wins it could mean a world title bout with Larry Holmes. But Spinks is not in top shape. He struggled through his final sparring. After two rounds, his arms appeared heavy, and he was gasping for breath. By contrast, Evangelists, whose American representative, Rédie Mafuz, reported him to be in the greatest shape of his life, had lost 25 pounds in recent months and was sharp in his final workout.

#### Talbot's team joins ranks of turbocharged

By John Blunsden A fifth leading car manufacturer will be joining Ford, Renault. Alfa Romeo and Perrari (Fist) Alfa Romeo and Ferrari (Flat) in supplying engines for grand prix racing next year. BMW, whose entry into formula one has been the subject of rumours for the past two years, have concluded an agreement with the French PSA Peugeot-Chroen group. Under it a modified turbocharged BMW four-cylinder engine will be used by PSA's Taibot ream, which is being organized to make its first racing appearance in 1981.

The BMW engine, which was

The BMW engine, which was originally developed in 1.4 litre form for use in group five racing for special production cars, will be enlarged to the maximum permitted 1.5 litres for the formula one Talbot. This neats that within the next 12 months four teams—Remailt, Ferrari, Alfa. Romeo and Talbot—will be challenging the usually aspirated Cosworth Ford V8 engine with imbocharged power units.

Olympic Games

#### Korea will not have joint Moscow team

Seoul, Jan 11.—South Korea today rejected a North Korean proposal to form a joint team for the Olympic Games in Moscow but suggested that both sides should exchange sporting events

but suggested met both sales should exchange sporting events this year.

Park Chong-Kyn, chairman of the South Korean Olympic committee, said in a letter to his North Korean opposite number that there was not sufficient time for talks on the joint team to succeed.

In Lausanne a Swiss judge said he would decide early next week on whether the international Olympic Committee acted legally last year in admitting China mothe Olympic Games and excluding Telwan unless it changed its national authem, emblem and flag.

However, Taiwan amounced that it was going ahead with plans to send a team of 18 to the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Flacid next month under the Nationalist Chinese flag, pending the court's decision.—Agencies.

Rugby Union

### Beaumont enters race for Lions captaincy

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Yesterday's amouncement of
two famous Irish players, Sid
Millar and Noel Murphy, as
manager and coach of the British
Lions team to tour South Africa
may have increased the Chances of
an Englishman, Bill Resumont

getting the captainty.

It ought not to matter a tinker's provided, of course, that the four home unions tours committee be-neves that each man chosen has prior claim to his job. Note the less, if there are seen to be two or three candidates with equal claims to the captaincy, it would not be unreasonable for the com-mittee to spread the honours around a bit. around a bit.

The captaincy is unlikely to go other than to one of those leading their countries in the championship, in which case Beaumout and

their countries in the championship, in which case Beaumont and
Fergus Stattery (freland) must be
regarded as the two most obvious
candidates. In terms of seniority
and tactical acumen. Stattery
would get the vote. As a leader
of men, per sc, as someome for
whom his troops would go through
fire and water. Beaumont surely
yields to no one.

He was an enormous success,
on and off the field, with England
in the Far East last summer as
indeed, so I gather, was Stattery
with Ireland in Australia. The
Welshman, Derek Quinnell, prevented by injury from playling against France, hus the
character to commend himself as
another candidate, but not, I
fancy, if he is considered as a
player only in his national position
at No 8. South African conditions
might make him look a bit slow
there. However, I do not see why
he could not be thought of once
more as a lock and from jumper
at the line-out.

Writing now, two months before
the end of the championship it

1980 side will have considerably less of a Welsh flavour than other Lions teams in the 70s. Eighteen players from the principality, including two replacements in Alan Lewis and "Charlie" Faulkner, were in New Zealand in 1977, as well as a Welsh coach, John Dawes, and a Welsh captain, Phil lientett.

Of the present Watch side

assuming fitness, continuing form and availability—Gareth Davies and Terry Holmes, Steve Feuwick, Graham Price, Allan Mardu and Jeff Squire appear at this stage to be likely "bankers", with the centre and ntility back, David Richards, and the flanker, Paul Ringer, as strong contenders. The versatile Peter Morgan (Lianelli) colin Smart, the Newport loose head prop, and Mark Keyworth, the Swansea flanker, have withdrawn with injuries from the England party of 30 players which is training at Bisham Abbey this weekend. Their places are taken by Gordon Sargem (Gloncester) and Gerry Parsons (Bath).

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Northampton, five successive wirs under their belt, keep 18year-old Matthew Ebsworth, who returns to school at Milifield next week, at stand-off in their side at Moseley. Coventry, with three wise out of their last four games, keep the side which beat Neath last Samrday and thus have their captain, Paul Koee (86 tries for the club at senior level) opposed at Coundan Road to Alan Morley of Bristol (over 200 tries llowwise).

The Cambridge Blue, James Thormon, makes his first appearance of the season, at centre, for Rosslyn Park against London Scottish at the Athletic ground. The wing, Steve Tiddy, has his first match since he was injured in October. Writing now, two months before the end of the champlomship, it is not difficult to predict that the

### Quinnell is fit to play in crucible heat of Cup

By Peter Walker

The most remericable thing about today's eight matches in the third round of the Schwerpes WRU Cup competition is the appearance of Derek Quimell, who will capain Lianelli against Ebbw Vaie, Less than a week ago Quinnell wook the Union's; medical advice and pulled out of what would have been a probable place and the capainty of his country against France on January 19. It was said at the time that Quinnell had not fully recovered from a cyst operation in November but it seems strange, to say the least, that he can now consider himself fit enough to play for his clob in the crucble heat of the cup, which in Wales is only marginally, if at all, less intense than that engendered at international level.

After losing to Neath in the

national level.

After losing to Neath in the first cup final in 1972, Llanelli then won the competition in the next four seasons. Last year they reached the semi-final round before being beaten by the eventual winners, Bridgend. Llanelli are not the force of yesteryear but should beat Ebbw Vale.

Last year's losing finalists, Pontypridd, return to Arus Park where on Boxing Day they were well bearen by Cardiff 19—3 in a club match. The Welsh outside half, Gareth Davies, is back in the home side after missing the

against Swanses for whom Swift has been released from the England perty training weekend at Bisham Abbey. But the side with the best club record in Wales this season will have to do without their back row forwards. Cheeseman, away at the Abbey, and Keyworth, who is injured.

On paper, the consistent Newbridge should have little difficulty in removing the Valley club. Mountain Ash, but any side that can best as accomplished a cup team as Abercynon 16—10 cm

nlay a bit themselves.

Before this season, Machen, a little village midway between Caerphilly and Newport in Gwent, had sever progressed beyond the first round so this afternoon's home meeting against the cup holders, Bridgend, is easily the biggest event in their 109-year between

fourth round for the third successive year. Their opponents, Bridgend Sports, are undefeated in their last 33 away games.

A little bit of history, too will be made at Massing where Newport will be paying their first visit to the Old Parish ground. Newport are having their worst season in living memory.

Postypool's task is against the West Wales side, Brynamman. It the home side after missing the will be a trial of forward strength last three games through lajury.

A department where Pomypool Neath have home advantage have never been found wanting.

Hockey

### Pakistan are unbeaten and Dutch are on the carpet

The seven nations tournament, sponsored by Pakistan International Airlines, ended in a splash of colour here today with Pakistan beating The Netherlands 3—2 to take full points from six matches. They had already made sure of retaining the Champions Trophy. Rariier, West Germany drew 3—3 with Australia to win the silver medal, leaving Ameraia with the bronze.

The fervour generated by this fournament brought international mickey is the top of the popularity ratings for sport in Pakistan, above even Test cricket. The stands were packed again and the Dutch team scanzered flowers while going round the areas before the eath on this similit. Afternoon. The crowd was estimated at 35,000, it was not until three minutes before the end, however, that the whole scene became electrified. For 25 minutes the score had stood at 2—2. Then Samiullah, in a move of high woltage, pushed the ball across the face of the goal and Safdar Abbas helped it over the line.

That goal ended a manqual period in which the Dutch become a little cautious after the injuries The seven nations tournament,

### Surprises in desert as a newcomer shares lead

Palm Springs, California, Jan 11.—Arueld Palmer scored a hole in one, Johnny Miller withdrew and a "rookie", Bob Proben, survived a shaky finish for a share of the lead vesterday after rain delayed completion of the first round of the Bob Hope desert townsame. desert tournament. Proben, aged 25, fluished off a four-under-par 68 with bogeys on his last two holes at La Quinta; his last two holes at La Quinta; taking three purts at each. He tied for the top spot with Keith Fergus, who had a 68 and another hole in one (at the parthree 12th) at Eldorado, and Jerry Pate, 68 at Indian Wells. "I'm surprised to be leading", Proben said, He avoided a direct answer to questions involving the possibility he might win this 90-hole tournament that will now end on Monday.

end on Monday.

Like the rest of the field of 128 touring professionals, he started its first round on Wednesday. When steady rain flooded me four desert courses used for this event, he marked his position and finished the round on Thursday. No-one was able to break par 72 at Bermuda Dunes. Johnny Miller, coming from one of golf's more perplexing slumps, had a 73 at that course, but withdrew and did not declare an 18-hole score. He suffered a recurrence of a chronic neck problem. The defending champion, John Mahaffey, finished off a round of 70 at Indian Wells. Palmer, now 50 and a winner of this title five times, the last in 1973, also had a 70 at Indian Wells, helped when he holed out in one with an 3-iron shot on the 150-yard sixth, While Proben had trouble getting his round finished. Pate walked off on a high note. He birdled the last two holes, missing a 10-foot eagle putt on the final one.

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### Comfortable path for Mrs Hammersley

number one woman table term's player, had a comfortable path through to the quarter-final round of the women's singles in the Norwich Union international championships at Brighton yesterday. Mrs Hammersley, 28, who retires at the end of this season after more than a decade at the top, won through her opening round in quick time but faltered slightly when facing the French girl Brigitte Thirlet in the second.

Defending the title she won for

England's table termis Hammersley had no problems at all in bearing Gina Pritchard, of Devon 21—10, 21—9, 21—10.

Miss Thirlet seemed likely to be despatched just as quickly when she lost the first two games, only just getting into double figures.

Mrs Hammersley had a good lead in the third and was 19—16 ahead when she let her concentration when she let her concentration waver. She had to save a game point at 19-20 down and had five match points during the following deuce before taking the game 26—24 to qualify for the last eight.

Rugby League

# Young men can now prove themselves The side is, as always, a blend of young men with old heads and youngsters still learning the trade. Among the latter and anxious to make an impression at international level are lan Rudd, the Workington Town half back, Paul O'Nefli, the Salford hooker, Ward and James in the second row and

and James in the second row and particularly Steve Dennison, who obtains international recognition

By Keith Macklin On the principle of being thank-ful for mercies, however large or small, the Great Britain under-24 side are happy that the referee for tomorrow's international against France under-24 at Carcassone, will be an Englishman, Fred Lindop.

This compromise was reached between the countries after ex-plosive and often brutal incidents

plosive and often brutal incidents in under-24 matches played in France with a French referee. On these occasions the man in the middle would tend to penalize the British players for rough play, on the ground that, for instance, a British bead had wiffully assaulted a French boot.

It is too much to expect that the French, in their own country, will exchew questionable tactica, but Mr Lindop will give the British side whatever protection can be afforded within the confines of the laws of the game.

Given a fair crack, Great Britain can maintain their 100 per cent record in under-24 matches between the two countries. The loss the two countries. The loss through injury of John Woods is a blow, but the new captain, Harry Pinner, the St Helens loose forward, is, like Woods, a young player of vast senior experience.

vanuage against Hull, but the visitors have struck an excellent seem of form following their hesitant start to the season. It will be a close contest at Odsal and Bradford Northern would surely City Kings 104, Culcago Bulls 85.

be happy enough to get home by the odd point or two.

The league leaders, Leeds, will be thoroughly tested at Warring; ton. The home side will be with-out their enthusiastic and ram-paring, wonne forward. Ecclesiout their enmusiants ann rampaging young forward. Eccles, called into the under-24 squad, but with the recovery of several players from injury, are showing signs of developing into their customary strong unit.

Warrington invariably lift their game against Yorkshire opposition and, well as Leeds are playing, the issue should be close. Widnes,

and, well as Leeds are playing, the issue should be closs. Widnes, stung by their defeat in the John Player final, start the road to recovery with a game at Wakafield Trinity which is far from easy. Trinity still thirst for revenge following last season's Challenge Cupfinal defeat.

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### Skiing

### Third spot gives Miss Hiffe

Verall victory

Val D'Isère, Jan 11.—Britain's

Valentina Biffe followed up yesterday's downhill victory with a third place in today's slalom to win the women's combined title at the European lowland championships here. Miss Biffe, whose Olympic selection was in doubt, proved she was still the best British prospect for the Games with a fine all-round performance. In the slalom, she finished less than one second overall behind the winner, Katasha Esser of the Netherlands. Her British team colleague, Anne Robb, just pipped her for second place.

The British men's team, led by Alan Stewart who wen yesterday's downhill, won the combined title here, without the presence of their leading skier, Koorad Bartelski. Today the men's slalom went to Ole Lynge (Denmark).

Weller's Stalom (GB misse stated): 1.55.65. S. Frenkin, 1.57.62. S. Martenda, 1.15.06. Metherinds, 1.15.06. S. J. S. Swelley. (Netherlands): 1.15.06. S. J. S. Swelley. (Netherlands): 1.40.08. S. J. S. Swelley. (Netherlands): 1. overall victory

### Latest European snow reports

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Sheffield W v Plymouth ......

Wimbledon v Blackpool ......

#### Fourth division Aldershot v Hartlepool .....

Bournemouth v Scunthorpe ..... Bradford C v Peterborough ..... Crewe v Halifax ...... Doncaster v Port , Vale ...... Hereford v Walstill Huddersfield v Lincoln Northampton v Torquay ...... Portsmouth v Wigan York v Newport

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### Scottish Cup:

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Rackets

Football: Preview (12.20); Match of the Day (10.20) Racing: Ascot races at 1.0, 1.35, 2.10 and 2.40 Table tencils: Intermediated event. Brighton (1.10, 2.20 and 4.15)

TV highlights

Skiing: Men's World Cup down-hill, Kitzbühel (1.45) American football: Rose Bowi (2.50) Rugby League: St. Helens 7 Salford (3.35)

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Wresting: Leeds promotion (4.0)
Snooker: Professional-celebrity
tournament (11.45)

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Bootball: Big Match (2.45)

# Borg survives the big

### fight atmosphere and early setback

From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent New York, Jan 11

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Bjorn Borg, who won all his six matches with Jimmy Connors last year, beat him again at Madison Square Garden last evening: but only by 3—6, 6—3, 7—6 in a match that lasted two hours and 37 minutes. raised the crowd of aimost 17,000 to a pitch of excitement more familiar at the big fights that have made the arena reuowned, and totally transcended its context. This was, after all, only the second of three days in an all-play-all series that precedes only the second of three days in an all-play-all series that precedes the semi-final and final rounds of the Masters tennis tournament. After a match so dramatic that Borg likened it to their 1977 Wimbledon final, both menphysically and emotionally spent though they were—knew that they might have to go through it all again on Sunday.

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Borg and Connors have been playing each other for seven years. Connors won seven of their first eight matches but Borg has since wop 12 out of 15. "I have great respect for Jimmy and I think he has great respect for me". said Borg. "Every time we go out there we give 100 per cent." This time there were additional incentives that added a little desperation to their endeavours; Borg has yet to win a tournament in New York and Connors is eager to prove that he is still capable of winning a big title.

"Jimmy started well.", said

of winning a big title.

"Binny started well", said Borg, "and I was thinking 'is it happening again? Why can't I play my best tennis in New York?" Then I got into the match and it was 5—2 in the third set. But I didn't serve as well in those last games and I got a little bit scared because I was hitting too many short balls—thar's exactly what Jimmy likes, so that he can come in. When you get to a tle-break you need a lot of luck, because anything can happen. You must get a good start mand I had a very good start."

The tumult between points was almost deafening and the railies were punctuated by sudden yells in support of one player or the other. "It was very disturbing ", said Borg. "When they were shouting during the points, or just before your first serve". All this put an additional strain on the players' concentration—as did the close calls inevitable in view of the fury and accuracy with which they hit for the lines. Odd little things were engulfed by the flood tide: of emotion: Connors occa-

sionally mouthing the most dread-ful obscenities; a Borg service decapitating a plastic geranium; and a spectator fast asleep in the front row.

So here was total commitment to victory by two superb competitors, playing bratally powerful tennis while stranded on a private island of stress amid a sea of seething public emotion. Their sustained violence—perhaps most explosively demonstrated by a few of Borg's forehands—meant that much depended on fine margins and variations in length. Borg had three break points before Consors took charge of the first set. The difference in the second set was that Borg seized his early chances: and built on them.

In the third he went to 5—all, with Borg suddenly looking shaky. But Borg won a tough game for 6—5, surviving two heak points, and though the tle-break swung this way and that, Borg was always the front runner. After saving two match points Connors made an unforced error on the forehand and that was that. But the last six games had produced a nerveracking climax

When today's programme began we already knew that Borg and John McEnroe would be among the four players in the semi-final round. Thanks to the mathematics of the all-play-all-system Vitas Gerulaitis joined them when Harold Solomon beat Guillermo Vitas by the unexpectedly clear margin of 6—2, 6—2.

Solomon had won only one of his preceding eight matches with Vilas but was the sharper and sounder of the two today, especially on the backhand. Of his eight service games Vilas lost five and had break points against him in another. Solomon modestly suggeste dihat, though "you always want to win, every time you go on court' he was the more relaxed because he had no chance of qualifying, whereas Vilas lost five and had break points against him in another. Solomon modestly suggeste dihat, though "you always want to wus for me".

The remaining vacancy depended on whether Connors, back on court only 16 hours after that draining match with Borg, could confirm his usual supremacy over Roscoe Tanner—tis only challenger for a place to join the last four. Well, Connors could and did. He looked on minoully stiff and jaded at the start, whereas Tanner was serving feroclo

### **Bates too** hot for Powell to

On a finger-blowing, foot-stamping day at Queen's Club yesterday—it was so sold inside that the linesman who wore the fur hat and gloves could probably have auctioned them for a substantial sum—Jeremy Bates and Elizabeth Jones, the number one seeds in the British funior hard court champiouships (sponsored by Prudential), made remorseless progress in today's singles finals.

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Bates, the holder, gave a particularly ruthless display in cutting down Mark Powell, the mumber four seed. Powell was hardly given time to defrost as he was hundled out 6—0, 6—0, in just 40 minutes at a cost of just 23 points.

The other semi-final match, between Peter Farrell, seeded number two, and the unseeded Tim Pyatt, at least developed into some sort of contest, although it seemed to be going the way of the Bates' match when Farrell took the first set 6—0. Perhaps the hard-hitting, hig-serving Farrell became too auxions to finish off his opponent, for he began to make a series of unforced errors. All credit to Pyatt, however, who has apparently been troubled with knee injuries, but who fought bravely to the end, eveninally going down 6—7, on a tie-break. It was Farrell's heavy serving factor, and it could cause Bates a few problems in today's final, although Bates seemed unworried as he watched his friend and doubles partner go through. Bates has bearen Farrell on seven of the 11 occasions on which they have met. "The four dimer I lost to him were when we first started playing, and he was that size then, he's stayed put, and I've sprung up a bit."

On a more serious note, Bates had a few words to say about the electronic "Black Boxes" which are being used here to detect service faults. Sill in the experimental stage, these devices look like a cross between an attache case and a metal detector, with a

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Although Bates believes there is a future for them, he and several other players are no t happy with them at present. "The light sig-nalling a fault shows up too late", he said. "You can have played three or four shors in a rally, hefore out' is called. It can be very off-putting."

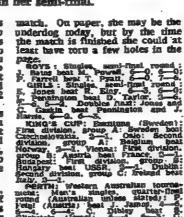


In the girls' event, Miss Jones was never seriously troubled to beat Rina Einy, 6—3, 6—0. It was left to the other semi-final to provide the day's surprise when Denise Taylor, the number two seed, having had a match point at 6—5 in the tie-break in the second set, was beaten 2—6, 7—6, 6—2 by Lisa Pennington, seeded six.

The attractive, head-handed Miss Taylor is prone to the odd tantrum or two, and although she did not cut loose yesterday, she seemed literally to talk herself to defeat, muttering darkly as she tried to string her game together in the finite attractive.

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To be fair to Miss Pennington, however, it was not just a case of Miss Taylor defeating herself. Miss Pennington stayed caim under pressure, and produced several searing passing shots to clinch the



Mrs Lloyd benefits from her defeats

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan 11.—
Chris Lloyd advanced to the quarter-final round of the \$150,000 women's tennis tournament here last night with a 6—0, 6—0 victory over Terry Holladay, also of the United States, in the second round. Mrs. Lloyd will now play the unseeded Greer Stevens, of South Africa, who reached the last eight by beating Rosle Casals by 6—2, 1—6, 7—5.

Tracy Austin, the number two by 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.

Tracy Austin, the number two seed and the reigning United States Open Champium, best Kate Latham, also of the United States by 6-3, 6-1, while Diane Frombolts, of Australia, the fifth seed, beat Marita Redondo of the United States by 6-2, 6-1. Another Australian, Wendy Turnbull, seeded sixth, best Anne Smith of the United States 6-2, 6-1.

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Mits Lloyd, who was embarrassed by losing twice to Miss Austin in a tournament last week, has been fighting back in her 6-0, 6-0 victory over Miss Holladay, she allowed her opponent only 21 points.

"I've always used my losses to my benefit", Mrs Lloyd said.
"They make me more determined to win the next time ont. I'm not used to losing week in and week out.

Miss Stevens, of South Africa, who ousted Miss Wade, of Britain, in three sets in their first-round match, needed more than two hours to subdue Miss Casals and then had to play a doubles match during the same evening.

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Miss Austin is now scheduled to play Kathy Jordan. After Miss Austin nook control of her match yesterday, she experimented briefly with a serve and voiley unlike her standard baseline play. "I want to get more comfortable at the net", she said. Twice she charged the net and hit winners. But the experiment ended with a siggle when she saw her mother smiling on the sidelines.

"I'm comfortable at the baselines", Miss Austin said, stiffing any doubt about a radical change in style. "It I had to choose, i'd rather stay back there."

Miss Turnbull will now play Billie Jean King. The other singles quarter final pairing is Caroline Stoll and Dianae Fromholts, of Australis.

BINGLES: Second round: Miss W. Turnbull (Australia) best Miss A.

Cricket

### Underwood left out as most costly bowler

From John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent Melbourne, Jan 11 Cricket Courespondent
Melbourne, Jan 11

There are two changes in the England side for tomorrow's match against West Indies from the one that has done so well so far in the one-day competition. Boycost, unexpected hero of these matches, is out through injury—he has a stiff neck and a damaged finger—and Emburey has been preferred to Underwood. Larkins, who played in the World Cupfinal at Lord's last June, has his first hig chance of the tour in Boycost's place.

Boycost was hit on the hand while betting in the recent Test match in Sydney. It is unthing very much, but with the finals due to be played between January 20 and January 24, and England well placed to reach them, no chances are being taken with it. Larkins has batted nine times on the four for a top score of 51 against Northern New South Wales in Newcastle. In several of his innings he has promised well only to get out rather carelessly, and once or twice unluckily.

There is so little cricket for the "groundstaff"—those, that is, who are not in the top side—that Larkins, I think, has been getting a little disillusioned. Emburey has not been with the party

long enough for that, having joined it only a fortnight ago.

If it seems strange for Underwood to be left out of the limited over side, he has been, surprisingly, the most expensive of England's four regular one-day howelers. His figures in the five matches he has played are five for 201 in 45 overs, four of his wickets coming in the first match of all, against West Indies. Underwood's overs have therefore cost 4.5 runs each, 28 againg. Willis's 3.7, Botham's 3.5 and Dilley's 3.2. There is no harm in giving Emburey the chance to see what he can do; should be get collared, Underwood will soon be back. collared, Underwood will soon be back.

Lever has again been left out. He could have played instead of Emburey, Diliey or Willis and well might have done had he had more bowling. As it is, the fifth bowling stint will be done by Gooch or Willey, or divided between them. Gooch bowled pretty well in the Sydney Test match, as he could here in Melbourne where a high-scoring match seems unlikely. It has been raining hard this afternoon and both pitch and square look a mess.

Pakistan bowlers force victory in two days

Ganhari, Ian 11.—Pakistan's brave knock of 11 by the last sowlers demolished the Indian East: man, Subroto Porel, left him only one twice today to gain an over-whelming victory for their side by and team captain Raju Mukherjee, and the sound of the scheduled have days, with East Zone falling with him. bowlers demolished the Indian East Zone twice inday to gain an over-whelming victory for their side by an innings and 219 runs. The match was over 20 minutes before tea on the second of the scheduled three days, with East Zone falling for 56 and 76 in reply to Pakistan's 361 for three declared.

The fast bowlers, Imran Khan and Sikander Bakhit, were joined by the spinners. Qusim and Majid Khan, in bringing about East Zone's swift downfall. Iqbal, who has tormented India in the current Test series, had match

Newcastle programme

[Television (ITV): 1.30, 3.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.0 MALLARD HURDLE (Novices: £1,022: 24m)

by the spinners. Quaim and Majid Khan, in bringing about East Zone's swift downfall. Iohal, who has tormented India in the current Test series, had match figures of six for 37; Stkander took four for 12 in the first innings; Imran snapped up two in each innings ar a total cost of 22 runs; and Majid, who yesterday scored 101, took four for Tom February 6 to 10. East Zone's minth wicket in the first innings fell at 51, but a

Ice hockey COURMAYEUR: British justor chara-pionedy: Bays' combined; I. M. Bell. 7 Boston Bruins 4: Polladelphie B. C. Vanger: 3, M. Byth.

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327 Husting Prince, R. Nachot, 7-11-7
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Ascot selections

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Racing

#### Smith-Eccles is declared unfit to ride By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent Racing Correspondent
Stephen Smith-Eccles had hopes
of resuming race riding at Ascot
yesterday but they were dashed
before the meeting even began.
Much to his annoyance the racecourse doctor, Norman Gordan,
refused to pass him fit. Waving his
right arm round in circles SmithEccles protested that he was fit
and that he had put the collar
bone that he broke falling at
Kempton Park on December 27 to
the severest test this week by
riding out at Newmarket every day
and even schooling on Wednesday. However the doctor

that he would have done any horse justice. Raffi Nelson, who was to have been his ride in the Green Highlander Steeplechase did not run after all but his absence had nothing to do with his jockey's dilemma. Apparently there was heat in Raffi Nelson's foot yesterday morting which left his trainer. Nicky Henderson, with the feeling that he must have bruised it badly while at exercise the day before. while at exercise the day before. Ropefully he will be sound again in time to be trained for a race at Cheltenbam later this month. at Cheltenham later this month.

In his absence yesterday's race was won by the evergreen Mac Vidi who galloped round looking like a sprightly eight-year-old mustead of one nearly twice the age. This was Mac Vidi's seventh win this season in eight starts, a remarkable record. Yesterday his task was made easier when Tommy Joe took the first fence on the second circuit by the roots and paid for his carelessness but nothing should be allowed to de-

paid for his carelessness but nothing should be allowed to detract from the winner's brilliant exhibition of jumping.

Beacon Light continued his winning way in the Thunder and Lightning Novices' Steeplechase. The Arkle Challenge Trophy is his natural objective at the National Runt Festival, at Cheltenham, but his trainer Bob Turuell told me that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems that he intends entering him for the past two seems. However, on this occasion is prefer Artifice who might have been been without at the last meeting at Ascot if he had not made such a hash of jumping the last fence. At Cheltenham last wotvertampton: Good to soft.

### Venture To Cognac will pass stern examination

By Michael Phillips
Although the Tote Two Mile Trophy is the most valuable race at Ascot today, as much interest and possibly even more will be shown in the Peter Ross Novices Steeplechase half an hour later. The reason for this is that the field for the feature race contains names that are all too familiar, whereas the novices steeplechase is open to members of the up and coming brigade. Furthermore, this will be the first time that that exciting prospect Venture To Cognac has tackled three miles. Hitherto, the furthest that he has gone over both hurdles and By Michael Phillips

fences has been two miles and a half.

With Lacson, Sugarally, Doubly Royal and Petrrustler also in the line-up we should get a pretty fair idea whether Venture To Cognac is likely to be the one that they will all have to beat that they will all have to beat fair they will all have to beat eat Cheltenham in March. What is clear already is that the seven-year-old's rider, Oliver Sherwood, is adamant that we will see a different horse today to the one who made heavy weather of bearing Patrrustler in the Killiney Novices Steeplechase at Ascot in December. With Patrrustler opposing him again on 7lb better terms, Sherwood's opinion will be pot the test. I expect to see him proved correct.

Lacsom is best judged on his defeat of Special Cargo at Cheltenham last mouth rather than on his subsequent performance in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day when he was biatantly out of the test. Sugarally finished strongly when he beat Royal Chariey and Royal Judgement at Kempton on the following day but on the lime through Royal Judgement he should not beat Venture to Cognac this time.

Top weight in the Tote Trophy will be everified by the Tright horse.

March, Artifice seemed to be going as well as Hilly. Way when he slipped on landing over the last fence but one and fell. Today he gets 5th from Hilly Way and that could be crucial. Broadeas, my selection for the Philip Cornes Novices Hurdle (qualifier) looked a budding young stayer when he won initially at Kempton Park and then again at Lingfield Park.

Fata Morgana, who won so well Fata Morgana, who won so well at Sandown Park eight days ago, turns out again for the first division of the Durham Ranger Novices Hurdle but I cannot help won-

Little Owl earns himself a place in the sun

Linie Owi's speciacular first appearance as a steeplechaser at Newcastle yesterday, earned him a place in the Sun Alliance Novices Chase at the Cheltenham Fastival meeting in March.

The diverse old was siways file

meeing in March.

The six-yest-old was always disputing the lead in the Dipper Novices Chasa, and cruised home by a length and a half from Peterhof, Trainer Peter Easterby was full of enthusiasm for his display: "Little Owl has only jumped six fences at home but he is a natural jumper. He is a very good horse and Venture to Cognac had better watch out", he said.

The Engineer showed the way The Engineer showed the way approaching the home turn, with Little Owl on terms, but it was at the last fence that he really took command. John O'Neill moved up to 60 winners for the season on Little Owl and said: "Re jumped really well but made a couple of small mistakes during the race."

Elder Lamb and trainer Arthur

Ridley Lamb and trainer Arthur Stephenson were in tremendous form, completing an 35-1 four-timer with Churchill Peak, Corker, Churchill Peak started the win-ming run in the Melton Handicap Hurdle by half a length from Roman Con. He slipped into the lead two flights from home and though Roman Con showed frac-tionally ahead on the run-in, Churchill Peak regained the ad-ventage.

Corker started at the prohibitive

Corker started at the prohibitive edds of 1-5 to land the Matra Bank Novices Hurdle (Div 1) but sauntered into the lead two flights out to beat Kikori by five lengths. Hot Tomato made it three wins from his last four outings when beating Crofton Hall by three lengths in the Great Lime Handicap Chase.

Running Wild completed the four-timer when taking the second division of the Matta Bank Novices illuvile

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Colin Purcell, still in his teem, is certain to remember the Gosforth track. He landed the first winner of his short career when Priddy Friendly beat Lerama by a runaway 10 lengths in the Sandy Seiling Handicap Hurdle, shooting into the lead approaching the second fence out.

MALLARD HURDLE (Novices: £1,022: 21m)

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2 Clayalds College of Tricks (D), S. Norden, 3-11-7 ... G. Greham
4-34 Clobers of Durchen, Denys Emith, 5-11-7 ... Miss S. Oliver 4
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5-1122 Alex, M. H. Essterby, 5-11-3

Alex, M. H. Essterby, 5-11-3 9-4 Narvik, 4-1 Three To One, 5-1 Current Gold, 7-1 Come Another Captain, 10-1 Gone Out, 12-1 Girl Sunday, 16-1 others. 2.30 PINTAIL LIMITED CHASE (Handicap : £6,697 : 21m) 3.0 WIDGEON CHASE (Novices: £1,208: 2m 120yd) 

Newcastle selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.0 CLAYSIDE is specially recommended, 1.30 Tudor Folly, 2.0 Current Gold, 2.30 Bishops Pawn, 3.0 Starlight Lad, 3.30 Constitution Hill.

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Kilburn Boy 7-1 Aristum, 10-1 Left
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21. 000-260 Grean Patrol, Miss S. Morris, 6-11-7

21. 1-030 Open Fire, F. Walwyn, 9-11-7

21. 1-030 Open Fire, W. W. Low, 11-11-7

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34. 03032-9 Whitelen List, M. Oliver, 8-11-7

34. 13-1222 Badsworth Boy, 3-1 Lanka, 9-2 St Torbay, 8-1 Sheer kr. Prince, 14-1 others.

2.15 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE (Handicap : qualifier : £2,453 : 57 7 7 2m 5f)
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8 Opinpat, S. Wright, 10-10

9 Dingbat, S. Wright, 10-10

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2.45 SHERBORNE CHASE (Handicap: £2,131; 21m)

Warwick selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.15 Prominents, 1.45 BADSWORTH BOY is specially recommended, 2.15 Mac Kelly, 2.45 Diterro Lady, 3.15 Uncle Lestie, 3.45 Pirate Son.

### THR TWE **BUSINESS NEWS**

■ Stock markets FT Ind 435.2, up 4.4. FT Gilts 66.80, up 0.97.

Sterling \$2,2575, down 20 points. Index 71.0, up 0.1.

Dollar Index 84.4, up 0.1.

3-month money Inter-bank 16% to 163. Euro-5 14 3-16 to 14 15-16.

#### IN BRIEF

### Warning on side effects side effects of industry policy

West Midlands industrialists yesterday told Sir Keith Joseph, the form the Industry Secretary, they have being made by the Government.

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Mr. Reginald Parker chainson. Mr Reginald Parkes, chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's West Midlands' regional council, told Sir Keith:

"The Government's approach to inflation and the country will inflation and the economy will he definitely cause some problems

by possibly only in the short term The to the economy of the region

and that it was essential for the Edwardes plan to succeed. Euromarket bankers



Mercill Lynch, the world's biggest brokerage company, has recruited two of London's top Euromarket bankers. Mr David Montagu (above), former chairman of Orion Bank, be-comes chairman of Mercili Lynch International Banking. Deputy chairman and chief executive will be Mr John Craven.

#### Rhodesia bond talks

Representatives of the Coun-cil of Foreign Bondholders are to start preliminary negotiations in Salisbury on outstanding pay-ments on Southern Rhodesian bonds to United Kingdom in-

#### £1,000m for aerospace

Eritain's aerospace industry won new orders worth over f1,000m during 1979. Most of the work is for export, with orders from 40 countries

#### Textiles redundancies

Dundee textiles company fiddaw Industry is to make 300 people redundant out of a divisional workforce of 2,200. The layoffs will take place over the next six weeks. Financial News, page 15

#### US plant for Honda

Honda is to build a car assembly plant in the United States, for completion in 1982. Ford is closing permanently a plant in Los Angeles employing 1,670 next month.

### New futures market

The Stock Exchange may set up a market in financial futures. along the lines of the New York Stock Exchange, whose market in a number of currencies and two government bonds is due

#### to start in April. Wall Street skips

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The Dow Jones average of 30 ndustrials slipped 0.43 to close it 858.53. The exchange rate for the special drawing right was 1.32231 gainst the dollar and 1.1.585274 against the pound.

35c to 465c

16p to 94p

### Buyers take up entire £1,000m tap as rush to gilts gathers pace

A rush into gilts gathered momentum yesterday as buyers snapped up the entire £1,000m issue of government stock put on sale on Thursday.

Optimism has returned to optimism has returned to gilts rather to the surprise of the authorities, which retrained from issuing another tap stock yesterday afternoon, clearly feeling the market ought to have time to dinner this week's have time to digest this week's

huge sales.
The Government clearly would like to see interest rates fall and events of the past two days on the gilt markets bring such a prospect nearer. The Government is now well ahead with its funding programme, which is half the battle in convenience more account.

which is half the battle in con-trolling money growth.

However the other half is not yet won. The Bank is likely to be very cautious about encour-aging any fall in interest rates before there is firm evidence that lending—a main component of the money supply, is under

control.

Ministers would prefer the rates to stay high and then come down smoothly, rather than bring them down too soon. and be forced to raise them again later.

Estimates suggest that as much as £1,500m of government securities may have been sold since Thursday morning. This of being left behind.

cases the Government's funding programme. But the rush of money into the Exchequer now got its borrowing reasoncarries a danger that short-term ably under control. Although

Commercial banks operating

on the Eurocurrency markets

are no longer able to handle the problem of recycling cash surpluses of members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, according to a leading West German banker.

Speaking in Luxembourg. Herr Walter Seipp, a member of the managing board of the Westdeutsche Landesbank Giro-

zentrale, said governments, central banks and the inter-national monetary fund would

have to be involved in the

He said that with oil at \$30 a

barrel, the Opec surplus this year would rise to \$100,000m (£44,400m) from \$60,000m in 1979. Respectively.

Opec members would accumu-

\$160,000m between the 1973 oil

Although the current account belance of payments deficit of the industrialized the

countries would rise to between \$40,000m and \$50,000m

this year, they should be able to manage the problem, he

Some eastern block countries

would face difficulties in that Soviet oil production would not

keep puce with demand. These

countries would be forced to buy oil on the world market at

Mr Robert Worcester and Mr

Roger Stubbs, both directors of Market & Opinion Research International (MORI), have had

their full membership of the Market Research Society sus-pended after an investigation by the society's professional standards committee. MORI is

leading market research

Mr Worcester has lost his full membership for a year and Mr

Stubbs for two years, but they

remain members of the society, although during the suspension period they will be only asso-

The professional standards

committee investigated a paper

presented at a society confer-

ence. The paper concerned the pro-workers and included a critique mittee.

By Derek Harris

organization.

Commercial Editor

compared

surpluses

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**Market Research Society** 

suspends two members

recycling problem:

\$400,000m

Banks face problem

recycling Opec funds

To prevent this happening, the Bank of England is to re-lease temporarily £1,000m of special deposits into the bank-ing system from next Wednes-

point out yesterday that the release of doposits does not imply a relaxation of the Government's a relaxation of the Government's monerary policy. January is traditionally a time of shortage of funds in the money markets and the deposits will be recalled in two equal instalments on February 8 and March 7 when the banks are likely to have more rash. have more cash.

There was no clear explana-tion for the market's sudden enthusiasm to fund govern-ment debt. Although some of the recent demand for gilts has come from abroad it appears that Thursday's and Friday's strong buying was mainly by United Kingdom institutions. Some of the purchases on Thursday were thought to involve bear covering but the demand on Friday represented genuine enthusiasm for gilts.

There is always a bandwagon effect in the gilt market. Once buying or selling begins in earnest everybody jumps in. Big buyers came in yesterday, afraid of being left behind. The institutions appear to be-

importing developing countries, particularly those which were already heavily in debt on

Herr Seipp said European

banks were reaching the point where they felt that these countries debts were so large that they would no longer be prepared to finance entirely the oil importing developing

In his view, rises in oil

prices, had already brought a permanent reduction of margins'

and a lengthening of the life

of credits to an end. Develop-ing countries borrowing on the

Euromarkets could expect spreads to rise and the life of

oil surpluses was discussed by

their meeting in Basle at the beginning of this week.

European monetary authorities

share Herr Selpp's scepticism as to the capacity of the banks to handle the Opec surpluses.

They have started considering

the creation of new instru-ments to deal with the problem. One idea is that borrowers

should make greater use of the

bond markets, where higher standards of disclosure would

give greater security to Opec investors than the market for

of survey techniques employed

by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

Mr Worcester breached the society's code of conduct in

that, given the public nature and tenor of the paper, they should have said therein that weighting had occurred, what

this weighting was and the rationale for it".

The council took into account that Mr Stubbs had made an error in the weighting calculation, although the council was satisfied that this error was in no way deliberate.

The society warned its mem-

bers last year that breaches of its code would be regarded "very seriously". This case was the first to be referred to

the professional standards com-

The society's governing coun-

It would appear that some

Western central bankers

The problem of

the Euromarkets.

horrowing requirement will be above the £8,300m target this financial year, the main that receipts of VAT have

been delayed. The market feared worse figures and takes the view that the VAT receipts will come into the Exchequer sometime, so it does not matter too much if it affects the 1980-81 PSBR rather than this year's. And last week's figures suggest that bank lending is now growing much less

slowly.

The short tap which ran out yesterday was the Exchequer 14 per cent 1984, offered at £96‡ and sold out at £97. The long tap 1999-2001 was exhausted overnight.

Gold shot up again yesterday, gaining \$23 an ounce to close in London at \$623.5. Surprisingly, foreign exchange markets did The pound continued its gain

against a basket of currencies with a rise of 0.1 in the index to 71 per cent of its end 1971 value. Against the dollar, sterling dropped slightly to close at \$2.2575. There were no new reason

for the gold price rise yester-day. Dealers believed that after the profit-taking earlier in the , underlying demand for the metal was reasserted. As long as the world remains un-settled because of Iran and Afghanistan, the gold price is likely to remain high.

#### N Sea oil expected to cost \$30 high prices with convertible currencies. But the biggest problem would arise in the case of oil

a barrel By Edward Townsend

The new round of North Sea price increases is expected to be announced early next week Negotiations between some oil producers and the British National Oil Corporation have lasted longer than expected.

It is expected that the price of United Kingdom crude oil will be increased to about \$30 a barrel, with a temporary sur-charge which could be reviewed

The state corporation has raised its own price to the \$30 level, backdated to January 1, and has taken a firm stand under government pressure, in negotiations with other North Sea producers for its option ome pro been holding out for a price closer to the \$30-\$35 a barrel being charged by African

But Mr David Howell, the Secretary of State for Energy, has been concerned about the impact on inflation of a larger increase. A price of \$35 would add another 5p to the price of gallos of four star petrol.

The imposition of a sur-charge is seen as the best way of maintaining prices at a moderate level. It could be withdrawn if prices weaken. A rate of \$30 would represent a rise of 15 per cent on current North Sea prices.

In applying a surcharge, BNOC would be following the lead of the Libyans and Algerians. The Libyan price is just under \$35, with a surcharge of nearly \$5, while Algeria has informed companies that it is charging a basic \$30 with a \$3 "explora-

tion surcharge".

The Government has still not reached a decision on the method it will adopt to sell up to a third of BNOC shares to the public. Public participation offer or a free issue of stock, and Mr Howell is keen to see a public stake in BNOC spread across small investors.

The Treasury would prefer a

Kuwait is considering a 25 per cent cut in its oil produc-tion, Shaikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, the oil minister said yesterday. A cut of this size would lower output by 500,000 barrels a day to 1,500,000. He said he believed oil prices should be raised gradually and regularly. The alternative was a prices freeze followed inevitably by a

### Mr Bill Ryrie becomes second permanent secretary in charge of domestic economy

By David Blake Economics Editor Mr Bill Ryrie, 51, has been made second permanent secre-tary at the Treasury in charge of the domestic economy. At the same time, a resbuffle of posts has brought promotion to Deputy Secretary level for two of the Treasury's highest flyers, Mr David Hancock and Mr Peter Middleton.

The promotion of Mr Middleton to deputy secretary in charge of Public Finance brings. someone with recent experience of the monetary sector to this

position.

Mr Ryric was widely tipped within the Treasury as one of the two most likely men to succeed Sir Lawrence Airey, who has moved to take charge of the Inland Revenue. Born in India, Mr Ryrie read history at Ediaburgh University before

He joined the Treasury in of international affairs, did 1963, becoming principal private secretary to Mr Roy Jenkus, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 1969. In 1971 he Exchequer, in 1969. In 1971 he moved to one of the public is important to stress the exsector divisions in the Treasury, tent to which all the different
before going to Washington in strands in government
1975 as Britain's representative economic policy are interconon the executive board of the
International Monetary Fund.

Mrs. Thatcher, the Prime

In that post, he was involved in many of the discussions on Britain's application for assis-tance in 1976, where he built up a reputation for his negotiating skill.

The fact that his career has been largely on the interna-tional rather than the domestic side fits in with the pattern of appoinments made at senior level since Sir Douglas Wass took over at the Treasury. Sir Kenneth Couzens, the second permanent secretary in charge

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a keen interest in Mr Ryrie's appointment and some people in the Treasury felt that his reputation for being an advocate of incomes policies might count against him. Minister is known to have taken

But consultations between the Prime Minister and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, seem to have resulted in the conclusion that his skills made him the

right man for the job.
At the second-tier of Treasury appointments, Mr Hancock, aged 45, regarded as one of the

the mid-40s generation of officials, gets promotion to deputy secretary in charge of external finance after running policy for sterling

But the other promotion in-volves a much more major switch Mr Middleton also 45, takes charge of the public finance section of the Treasury, after a varied and highly successful series of jobs ranging from senior information officer to assistant director of the Centre for <u>Administrative</u>

Studies. He has recently been responsible for economic advice on monetary issues, and takes over from Mr Geoffrey Littler, who is moving to take control of public spending, a post in which he replaces Mr John Anson, who moves to Washington to the post which Mr Ryrie previously heid.

### Profits fall underlines industry's struggle to maintain markets

By Caroline Atkinson

By Caroline Attinson

Evidence of a sharp squeeze
on industry's profitability came
yesterday with the publication
of official figures showing a
fall in profits of companies outside the North Sea oil sector.
North Soa oil profits doubled
between the first nine months
of 1978 and the first nine months of 1979. But industry outside the sector saw a drop f 4.8 per cent in profits net

of stock appreciation.

These figures confirm the impression that industry is cutting into profit margins in an attempt to hold on to markets. Export profitability has been hit by the strong pound as companies have been forced to hold down their foreign prices to compete abroad. Higher labour costs have also not been passed on fully into prices.

Living standards in the third quarter of last year were little changed from the previous three months. Although there were significant gains in take-home pay because of tax rebates, higher prices wiped out all the benefit.

People used a considerable proportion of their tax rebates to pay back debts run up in the pre-Budget boom.

The figures published by the Central Statistical Office yester-

day show that the proportion Tax rebates in the last three tion is taken our the of total personal income put months of the year were big- drops to 10 per cent.

Expenditure and Savings (Seasonally Adjusted)

Savings disposable Total percentage revalued personal of personal at 1975 irrome disposable pirose (1) income (2)

(1) Equals total personal income before tax less taxes on income, national in-eurance, etc. contributions and transfers

into savings went up sharply from 13.4 to 17 per cent be-tween the second and third quarters of 1979. However, the underlying level, of about 15 per cent, is little changed from

Living standards were 2.5 per cent higher in the third quarter of 1979 than a year earlier. A further rise is likely to be shown when figures for the fourth quarter are published.

Tax rebates in the last three

ger than those recorded in yes-terday's figures and probably enabled people to stay ahead of inflation.

Yesterday's figures also showed that the balance of payments has been worse than previously estimated in the four years 1976-79. The revision is especially important related to 1977 for which a small surplus on the original figures has been turned into a deficit of £207m. Last year's current account deficit, expected to come our at about £2,500m, has been affected only slightly by the revision. Later information on

the cost and timing of North See oil installations and on imports of precious stones were mainly responsible for the Company profits are likely to be squeezed still further in the coming mouths as the economy

slows down while costs continue to rise. Yesterday's figures show that the North Sea of industries now account for about a quarter of total company profits after allowing for stock appreciation.

Gross company profits including the North Sag oil sector were 30 per cent up in the first nine mouths of 1979 compared with the same period a year earlier. After stock apprecia-

### State chiefs want rethink on financing

State industry chairmen are ment to adopt a more realistic policy on the financing requirements of the public sector.

Members of the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group have had a series of discussions with Treasury ministers about criticisms of the Government's use of the cash limits regime in settling the level of non-government funds they can borrow a

criticized the way the Government imposed new limits for the next financial year last autumn. The criticism last year

entered on the Treasury's imposition of a tight deadline on the setting of limits before some state corporations had fixed their budgets for the coming financial year.

The state industry chairmen will emphasize the need for the public sector indus-tries to be given realistic financial targets for three to

Last year's discussions were complicated by the lack of long term targets for the electricity and gas industries, and the financial difficulties faced by the coal and steel industries.

### More changes expected in Companies Bill

By Rosemary Unsworth The Companies Bill faces

further amendment at report stage after Parliament assembles on Monday. main arguments among the Government and the Opposition are its clauses on insider dealing, directors' loans, company secretary qualifications and ployees' legal rights.
The Bill, which has doubled in

size since it was first intro-duced, is certain to take up more parliamentary time and will not receive Royal Assent

Details of amendments which are still under consideration by MPs, will be available for the report stage later this month. Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, former Trade Under-Secretary, said that much of the wording of the amendments introduced in committee was too compli

confirmed it had received objections from companies of sizes to the insider dealing clause. The companies felt that the clause was hard to under-

stand and that directors would need the services of a solicitor when buying and selling their An amendment to ensure

that all company secretaries have professional qualifications has come under fire on the ground that it is too restrictive. It says that a company secre-tary should lave adequate knowledge and experience of his duties, and should be a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, one of the chartered accountancy institutes

for England, Wales, Scotland or Ireland, or be a qualified barrister, solicitor or advocate. It is possible that the clause will be dropped but more likely

that it will be broadened to in-

clude those secretaries

relevant experience but without paper qualifications. In the Bill company boards have in law the same trustee-like duties to employees as they have to shareholders. This will place additional burdens on directors when considering

### Further evidence of fall in housebuilding activity

Further evidence of the sharp decline in housebuilding activity during 1979 is shown latest set of statistics released by the Department of the En-

Estimates that only about 205,000 homes were started last year will prove correct, these figures suggest. Of this total, the public sector accounted for fewer than 90,000, the lowest total since the Second World

In the three months to the end of November, house starts were 13 per cent down on the same period last year, although activity was slightly up on the preceding period.

As expected, the decline in the public sector continued. Compared with the corresponding period in 1978, the number of homes started between September and November last year

Work was started on 7 per cent fewer homes for sale than in the three mouths to November, 1978.

The industry believes final figures for 1979 will show that they started work on 135,000 private homes, and Mr Ronald King, president of the House-Builders' Federation, has set this figure as the target for the

Even so, it may prove optimis fic. According to forecasts recently produced by the industry's Economic Development Committee (little Neddy), total housing starts in 1980 may not reach 200,000. If so, they will be the lowest since 1948, when they numbered 163,000.

The committee suggests that private housing output next year will fall by 6 per cent, before showing a small recovery All the savings options you're likely to need

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Save our sewers' seen as worthwhile drain on public resources

### Civil engineers reveal their pipe dreams

Britain's civil engineers are England and Wales has an with closed-circuit television urging the Government to put drain. Later this month they will present their case to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, and one of Mrs Thatcher's most zealous cost-cutters.

The heirs of Thomas Telford and Isambard Kingdom Brunel would, of course, far rather be building a Channel Tunnel or a third London airport.

But they recognize that in the present economic circumstances a prosperous future is more likely to be found underground, repairing and replacing the country's heritage of crumbling

Victorian sewers. The scope for an industry whose workload has shrunk by whose workload has shrunk by sewer survey teams which opera third in 10 years is large, are from special vans equipped

estimated 209,000 kilometres of sewers—sufficient to go six times round the world. In fact, some stretches are so old and decayed that they are inadefor carrying sewage a few kilometres across a city

The worst sewers are, by popular acclaim, those beneath Manchester, where pipes—and roads—have collapsed. Lorries have been lost from sight and buses have had to be rerouted. According to the North-West Water Authority, on an average day there are two sewer col-lapses, 40 blockages of public

sewers and 25 water main bursts in the region. The authority has introduced

facilities. Seeds of the North-west's

problems were sown during the Industrial Revolution, when there was large-scale, haphazard sewerage development. But the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors is convinced that in the coming decades similar problems will surface in other parts of the

Mr Jack Bowen, the federa-ion's general secretary, is anxious to ensure that, though they may be out of sight, sewers should not be out of mind. "Unless we start spending more realistic sums of money now problems associated with our sewers could eventually over-whelm us."

In real terms spending on sewerage work has declined sharply over the past five years. In 1978 contractors began work on sewerage contracts worth a total of £184m at current prices. In 1975 the figure was £201m. Mr Bowen, who says sewerage repair and replacement tradi-

tionally provides the "bread and butter" work for his membelieves that a minimum of £3,000m should be spent over the next 10 years. Present spending plans envisage a sum of about £2,000m. The federation, which empha

sizes the important role civil engineers play in improving the built environment, argues that present spending plans bear no relation to the realistic longterm needs of the country.

John Huxley

Investment trusts/Unit trusts

### Get-together of the managed funds

A flurry among the dovecots was created by the bid for Tyndall Managers last week. Tyndall, the eighth largest unit trust group in the country, will be indirectly acquired by Globe layerment. Terrst

outcome of the bid is not in

This deal comes hard on the heels of Rorhschild Investment Trust's acquisition—through its Hume Holdings subsidiary's successful offer for merchant bank Dawnay Day-of Target Trust Managers, the seventh

largest unit trust group.
And, as if this activity at the top end of the scale were not enough, there was a tit-bit at the end of the week that Hume Holdings, active once more, was bidding for the sister Carliol and Tyneside investment trusts with a view to unitizing them and slowing them into the Target stable.

A variety of reasons have heen put forward to explain the link-ups between invest-ment trust and unit trust groups. Some have even argued that the bids could have been defensive. Investment trust cumpanies are once more standing at a 30 per cent discount to net asset value which historically is around the level at which predators tend to descend upon investment

Trust is too individualistic in ment trust company managers its holdings and philosophy to still locked into a situation of a be considered a comfortable shrinking number of investors requisition for a conventional fund management group. As for Globe, it is far too large to be digestible by any group n;her than, possibly, the Post Office pension fund.

A flurry among the dovecots was created by the bid for Tyndall Managers last week. Tyndall, the eighth largest unit trust group in the country, will be indirectly acquired by Globe Investment Trust.

The giant of the Investment trust world is bidding for West of England Trust which controls Tyndall. As Globe has been promised 58 per cent of West of England's shares, the outcome of the bid is not in

but not a major one.

The key motives were the need for a shop window, a market platform and entry into the growth area of unit linked life assurance. At another level, the resources the second of the life assurance of the life assurance of the level, the resource of the life assurance of the level. the rapprochement between investment trusts and unit trusts is also one of the first responses from the managed funds industries to the problems as well as possibilities opened up by the abolition of exchange controls last October.

Much as the investment trust industry has improved the quality of the statistical information published by its own association, both shareholders and, more important, prospective shareholders have difficulties in finite and the statistical information and the statistical information in the statistical information provides the statistical information published by its own association, both shareholders are statistical information published by its own association, both shareholders and information published by its own association, both shareholders and information in the statistical information published by its own association, both shareholders and information in the statistical information published by its own association, both shareholders and information in the statistical information in the statistic informa ties in finding out how well their funds have done visa-vis competitors both within and without the industry. The fact that share prices stand at varying discounts—very occasionally at premiums—to net asset

value does not belp. It is much easier to measure unit trust performance and gauge how good or bad a man-agement group is from such statistics; hence the advantages of a comprehensive stable em-bracing both forms of funds. Open-ended unit trusts, with prices linked to the value of the underlying asset, also have an But Rothschild Investment obvious attraction for invest-

> The virtues of unit-linked life assurance need little extolling. It has proved to be the best selling form of life assurance and is certainly one of the most

flexible devices available to any organization which has aspira-tions to become a financial

services company.

To some extent, it could be fair to say that mergers to overwith investment markets world-wide are defensive. It is not merely that big may be beautiful in this context, but that it needs size not only to gain expertise and depth in the various world markets, but also be taken seriously there.

All these reasons (which do not apply in toto to each deal discussed) suggest that the forays of Globe and Rothschild Investment Trust are not individual and isolated events. they give every indication of being the next stage in a trend towards a multi-faceted financial services groups. For there are already smaller conglomerations. Gartmore, GT and Crescott cent for example, are invest-ment trust groups which are all well-established in the unit

trust industry.
It may take time for further developments to emerge, but big groups such as Murray Johnstone, which has offshore funds and a modest toehold in the unit trust sector, and Touche Remnant whose United Kingdom-oriented funds do not always get sufficient credit for good performance, must be among those watching Globe and Rothschild Investment Trust's activities with above

average interest. Meantime, it is worth remembering that virtually every pension fund of any size still probably has an investment grust or two on its shopping list, although until the Budget has cleared up the question marks about capital gains tax the sector could remain quiet.

Margaret Stone

#### Grouse

The increase in the mortgage interest rate to 15 per cent from the beginning of this month has been a great shock to the financial system of most borrowers. One reader had an even greater shock. He found that his society had calculated the monthly interest repayment on an outstanding balance some two thousands larger than it actually

He discovered the error quite by accident. Ine form to amend his banker's standing order suggested that he should negotiate how much he should pay each month if the quoted sum appeared too large. It was too large, so he went to see the manager to

discuss how much he could afford to pay. It was only when they were discussing how much repayments would be at different extensions to the term of the loan, that it came to light that the society was doing its sums on the wrong total.

How much easier, sensible and reassuring it would have been if the balance outstanding had been included on the original form by the society (and by the other societies which also fail to give this basic information at the time of mortgage rate changes). This porrower could have been paying £30-£40 a month more than was necessary for quite policy—although there is still long time before the error came to light. room for improvement. For

#### HOFF of HEYBRIDGE HEATH









Insurance

ting this week on household policies, introducing new wordings, along with higher premiums. Sun Adiance Insurance Grann a region in the surface of the surfa premiums. Sun Adiance Insur-ance Group, a major insurer, is following the trend ser earlier-by the General Accident by in-creasing its premium rate for buildings from £1.25 per £1,000 insured to £1.50.

The General Accident and the Phoenix have introduced " plain English " household policies— English" household policies— with varying success. At the same time the Phoenix has in-creased its building rates and is putting its household business on line" on a computer, so that details can be tapped into it at a branch (and information about a policy can be provided on a screen), with the computer producing all the policies in Bristol. A quicker service is promised.

The higher premium is being applied to sums insured which are also indexed-linked and the are also indexed-linked and the most commonly used index is now showing an annual increase of 19 per cent. So there is the combination of index-linking and the 20 per cent increase in rate.

the 20 per cent increase in rate.

To sweeten that pill, apart from many companies offering to take the premiums by instalments, most are including "heave" as well as subsidence. This is when damage occurs due to the ground rising—generally because dry clay subsoil has become wet. This can be particularly serious if houses are built after a drought or after trees, which absorbed much of the moisture, have been felled.

The excess for subsidence or The excess for subsidence or

heave is 3 per cent of the cost of rebuilding the whole house, but, in conjunction with the rate increase, insurers are limiting the excess to a maximum of £500.

Full marks to the General Accident and the Phoenix for trying to produce a plain English

### Policies in plain English for the householder



instance, both have "civil com-motion" as an insured peril. This, however, is not a scuffle outside the house, with atten-quart damage, as one might think. At neither company's press conference were insurers prepared to explain what they meant by the term, but it is, I believe, more serious than a

riot.
The General Accident policy The General Accident policy looks daunting—34 pages of legal document and 30 pages of commentary—although some pages of commentary carry only a few words. The Maxplan policy, costing £1.80 per £1,000 and giving virtually "all risks" cover on buildings, is lengthy partly because the main perils partly because the main perils are spelt out in it, followed by

the exceptions.

Market research among 100 householders showed that they did not want to be told that any accidental damage was covered, subject to the exclusions, but wanted to be reassured by seeing the traditional perils, seeing the traditional perils, and others, listed and this has

Fortunately, there is a com-prehensive index and the General Accident seems to expect householders only to look at the policy when disaster strikes and not to read

disaster strikes and not to read it when it arrives.

Some tidying up is necessary. The policy refers to claims being "adjusted" (eg, for wear and tear if there is underinsurance), when it would be much easier to have said "reduced". And there is some uncertainty in the advice about uncertainty in the advice about what to do when leaving the house in the winter.

The commentary says the water and central heating systems may need to be drained, presumably hoping systems drained, that people will undertake this chore, although not making it

Although the policy still has some faults, it is now written in an easy-to-read style, with extensive use of the word "you". A fresh schedule will be issued at each renewal and when there is any change. The down and so on; at present General Accident hopes that, most other insurers will give

when there is a claim, policy-holders and claims officials will be "talking the same langu-

The Pheonix has taken a difference line. Instead of basic black and white drawings, it has full colour illustrations, starting off with the smiling face of the Chief General Manager. There are five pages of definitions.

Each time a word which has

been defined appears in the text it is in bold type. All exclusions are in italics. The commentary appears on the same page as the strict policy wording and it all has a nest appearance.
There are many variations in the actual cover given by the two policies and the Phoenix says that it has made 40

improvements in the course of re-writing the policy. It includes loss of personal money, cover for fraudulent use of lost credit cards and for deterioration of food in a deep freezer resulting from break-

such cover, but charge separ. anely for it.

Boats and caravans can bee added to the Phoenix policy and through its partly owned company, DAS Legal Expenses In surance Co Ltd legal expenses. insurance can be added for £12.50, instead of £15 if you buy the cover separately.

In the next few years this cover (applying to defence costs as well as for pursuing rights.

against motorists, shops, re-pairers, neighbours and so oul is likely to become more Both companies rightly in clude a photo-copy of the original proposal, since it forms part of the contract. Unfortunately, both adopt the traditional line regarding sums insured, leaving the individual householder to

calculate the cost of rebuilding the house and the value of sixthe contents, although some guidance is given. That would seem to be as missed opportunity. Already ther Trustee Savings Banks, through a scheme underwritten by the Provincial, bave been able no

introduce a simplified and readily understandable buildings and coments policy based, it on the number of rooms and it location of the house. Northern Spar, too, have simplified build Neither the General Accident nor the Phoenix in its litera ture offers reduced premiums in

return for a large excession although both might consider, such a proposition, in diagonates, however, Bradford, Pennine (wholly-owned by the Phoenix) will be introducing a such as the contraction of the proposition of the Phoenix) will be introducing and basic policy covering contents only (maximum £20,000) within a fixed excess of £100, \$1,000 roughly half the cost of the Phoenix policy without surface on excess. And the full wording with a content of the policy is particulated on the cost of the c of the policy is reproduced on the back of the single-sheet,

John Drummond

Taxation

### Lower paid do well with their perks

It is a bizarre feature of the be included together with the Eritish tax system that a spe-cies of class distinction is in-on the assumption that you are troduced into the tax treat a higher paid employee, ment of fringe benefits. Few For example, if your ment of fringe benefits. Few For example, if your salary people seem to appreciate the amounts to £7,500, your extent to which lower and extent to which lower paid expenses reimbursed are £800 employees have a potentially

a resounding and, you may fring feel, all-embracing phrase. Yet paid. not all payments, even though they are in cash and made by an employer to an employee are necessarily taxable.

If the motive for the pay-

ment is not a reward for services but for some other reason, then the amount involved may not be taxable. For instance, when the Football Association paid Bobby Moore £1.000 after he had captained the victorious England World Cup football team the Inland Revenue were sufficiently ungenerous to ask for their share. The court held (Moore v Griffiths) that the payment was made in recognition of his achievement and not as a reward for services rendered. Similar principles have applied to gifts to employees who pass examinations and to his job and lost money on the transaction and to other minor

distinction between higher and lower paid employees arises where benefits other than cash are arranged. So it is important to establish the difference between the two classes.
You will be regarded as a

higher paid employee, if you carn more than £8,500 a year in 1979-80 or if you are a part-time director or if you are a full-time director who is able to control more than 5 per cent of the company's shares. When calculating the level of remuneration at £8,500, your expenses repaid to you must and the employee would have to claim that the expenses would be substantially less than the employee. For example, a performance of his or her duties. It is highly doubtful if work employees would be able to make such a valid claim for a visit to the hairdresser.

When calculating the level of remuneration at £8,500, your expenses repaid to you must system should be avoided.

taxable value of your benefits

expenses remoursed are 2500 more favourable tax position on their perks.

An employee is taxed under Schedule E (according to the legislation) on his "salary, total remuneration would be wages, fees, perquisites and profits whatsoever" arising from the employment. This is lined in the next article on frigge herefits for the higher fringe benefits for the higher

In general, a lower paid employee is subject to tax on a fringe benefit to the extent that the benefit can be turned into cash. If the benefit cannot be turned into cash, it is not normally taxable.

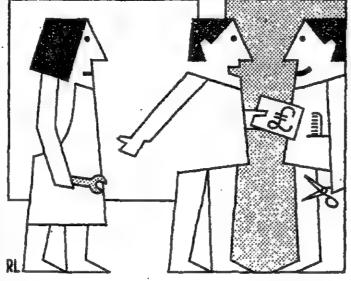
The loan of a car, for example, is not normally a taxable benefit to a lower paid employee. But the employer who wishes to provide a taxfree benefit, such as, for example, a weekly visit to the hairdresser for certain employees, must bear in mind certain im-

The service should be provided to the employee at the employee's request and on the understanding that the liability belongs to the employer. So, in this case the employer should make all the arrangements with who pass examinations and to compensation to an employee the hairdresser. Any previous who moved house because of his job and lost money on the transaction and to other minor gifts.

The provided Hairdresser and the arrangements with the hairdresser. Any previous arrangements made by the employee in which he therefore has a pecuniary liability must not be taken over by his employee.

ployer. Secondly, should be invoiced by the hair- into cash, then the tax is dresser and pay the bill direct. charged on the amount for Reimbursement of cash which the asset in question expenses under these circumstances would be remuneration and the employee would have value. Such second-hand value





Even if a voucher could only be exchanged for services and was not capable of being exchanged for cash, it is still specifically subject to tax on the cost of the voucher to the emplover.

Employers can provide lower paid employees with season tickets for travel from home to work and, although these have the appearance of vonchers, repeated assurances in the House of Commons allow one to assume that they will not be taxed as such. However, the first two principles regarding pecuniary liability and direct payment must be followed scrupulously.

If the benefit can be turned

you, as an employee, accept reduction in salary in order to receive a particular benefit, then the Inland Revenue may want to tax you on that benefit by the amount of your salary reduction.

This important principle was established in the case where an employee had the use of a car in return for a salary sac rifice which could be reinstated at the employee's option. This salary sacrifice quantified the taxable value of the car. even though it would not have been otherwise taxable (Heaton v Bell).

Fringe benefits, cars, pension payments and even vouchers are not generally subject to National Insurance contributions. Employers and employees together have to pay up to 20 per cent of gross remuneration in National In-surance contributions over and above income tax. So careful use of fringe benefits for the lower paid is likely to prove an excellent investment.

Danby Bloch and

Raymond Godfrey

### The day they called the water cannon out

ful financial world. The head-line is "Amezing Scenes at Sticklepath Meeting-Trousers Lost in Mèlée .

"There were amazing scenes yesterday at the Sticklepath village meeting called to decide the fate of the Great Grimpen Mire. Such was the confusion that unaccountably the trousers of a scarecrow belonging to farmer George Mulch were lost during the mélée. 'I was amazed', commented Mr Mulch

"The meeting began on the village green, just an hour before the parish council was due to discuss the bid for the due to discuss the bid for the Mire from the Great Rockall and Hong Kong Mining Company. As recently revealed in these columns, over a hundred years ago the Mire had been left by the then Sir Heary Baskerville to the Village of Sticklepath as a recreation area and nature reserve in per-petuity. Last month, however, mining consultants, MacOgle,

sible for representing the vil-lage in the forthcoming nego-tiations. Sticklepath Parish Council, whose Chairperson is none other than Elizabeth, Lady

Baskerville, the present Sir Henry's mother, argues that it Henry's mother, argues that it alone has the right to act.

"On the orber hand there is a strong body of local opinion, led by Lady (Elizabeth) Basker-ville, Sir Henry's wife, that the matter should be decided by the community as a whole. It was to air these views that she had called the village meeting, which was attended by almost

which was attended by almost the entire population of 500. As she was about to address As she was about to address the meeting, Mr Kevin Luddite, local convenor of NASTI (National Association of Slack-diddlers, Turncreepers and Idle-bashers) marched up to the platform with a banner carrying the words 'No Capitalist Pigs in our Mire'. He demanded that any money arising out of the sale should be used to provide a fitting memorial for the Stickleparn

marking her protest by striking Mr Luddite over the left eye-brow with her water carafe. the proceedings rapidly became more informal. Scuffles broke out between the berry-fuddling followers of Mr Luddite and other villagers present at the

"Indiscriminate action was also taken by various suppor-ters of the parish council fac-tion led by Mr Uriah Stoat, head-keeper to Col Rudolf Grog-Bevington, who had cunningly positioned themselves before the meeting in order to heckle and throw rotten eggs, Running fights developed as the proceedings moved towards the parish hall, where sporadic explosions of egg could be heard as the debate broke up.

"Eventually, with all control gone and a number of injured lying on the ground, order was restored by the Water Camon Squad of the Okehampton Police. These measures were sufficient to disperse the crowd and the services of the

The following extract, reprinted from the Dartmoor Globe and Argus represents yet another chapter in the history of Lieutenant-Colonel Rudolph Grog-Bevington, the MachiaveHi of Allied Elderberry Wines, and of the co-denizons of his colour-of the co-denizons of his and chairman of the Dartmon's:
Building Society. And district
appointed, he commented in siterwards.

Detective Sergeant Toadflax? who was in charge of the operation then confined the ringleaders, namely Mr Ludvilles, in the village pound with the order that they were to remain there without fire, food or water until they had reached verdict. After a mere 182 minutes they emerged with an dum of the whole village is to be held to decide whether or not the Mire or any interest in it should be sold. If so, switches of a committee are to be elected who, together with the three of them ex officion will decide the basis of sale.

"I was amazed, commented Detective Sergeant Toadflax, afterwards." afterwards."
(Next instalment—The Demo-

cratic Process)

Francis Kinsman

Investor's week

### City clutches at three straws

In the stock market a week is (without recognizing that, as money and leaving too little died out. Some no doubt will a short time, but long enough British Steel's paymaster, he for the private sector. for City folk to clutch at a must intervene at some stage future, which, however grey in to settle it); and it welcomed the outcome, looks more invit- the way money supply and bank ing than the present.

Three little things happened to pursuade sensible men that the Government was at last taming inflation and that shares, as measured by the FT index, would not sink below 380. This week, anyway, the FT index rose just over 5 per cent from 413.9 to 435.2.

who can tell? All we can say is that the evidence is not entirely convincing. First the City discovered that a steel strike could do us good. There is, after all, a world surplus of steel which it is wasteful and costly to stockpile. A strike is a quick and sure way of slimming this surplus.

Indeed, for a few weeks industry seems to be better off. Steel stocks turn into cash which is what a lot of com-

panies need most. If, then, the strike ends quickly, no harm is done.

The trouble starts if the strike drags on for a month or more. Either businessmen import dear foreign steel which will feed back into industry's production costs; or unions ton it coming in and industry. stop it coming in and industry

Secondly, the City liked Sir MS Keith Joseph's determination to keep out of the steel dispute

shuts down for want of raw

lending grew more slowly in the three weeks to mid-December.

ber "banking month" was only three weeks; that the authorities sold more than £1,500m of gilt-edged stock to people outside banks, so the money supply should not have grown at all:

Company

Jones (Ernest) McCorquodale

Waddington Westland

Melody Mills Middle Wits

Ferranti

Year's Year's

149p 83p 117p

406p 2211p BP 11 615/16 De Beers

43p 195p

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395p 283p

5 were caught out by the verti-cal share climb in the FT index The snags are that the Decemfrom 146 to 300 in six and they are scared of being caught again. In thin markets, it could happen. So they bought a few shares, just in case. side banks, so the money supply should not have grown at all:

and that tax revenues this month are coming in only slowly, so that the public sector is still borrowing too much

Comment

Armaments hopes

Jewelry demand Good annual figs

Recovery hopes

to prolit

Oil glut fears

Poor results

Profit taking

Diamond sales fall

Turnround from loss

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Change

48,9 to 455p 23p to 185p 25p to 113p

10p to 330p S<sub>3</sub> to 9<sub>3</sub> 14p to 43p

3p to 250p

come true. Third, institutions are still Thus, Decca were active on talk of a bid from Racal; Silkolene jumped on gossip of scared of being trapped in idle cash at a time when shares may be shooting up. The most sensibly liquid of them in 1974an approach from Crods: Grattan in mail order were said to be on someone's shopping list: and hopefuls suggested GUS as a bidder for Stead &

> investment trusts, Carliol and Tyneside and for Tyndall unit trust group West of England.
> The Afghan wars were good for any group connected with armaments. Hopes of heavier defence spending helped up Ferranti as it did Vickers, and for that matter Associated Engineering

both existing tap stocks. Treasury 14 per cent 1998-2001 and the Exchequer 14 per cent 1984. Next week, however, could well bring a new tap or two. when the authorities' interest

Peter Wainwright

Round-up

#### National Savings o **AMEV link**

On February 4 the new 19th issue of National Savings Certificates goes on sale. The £10 unit, with a compound interest rate of 10.33 per cent, matures at £16.35 tax-free after five years. This is equivalent to a gross yield of 14.76 per cent

The maximum holding is ment stocks, investors who like a quiet life should take up their maximum allocation. However, the running yield on long-dated stock, about 14.5 per cent, will give current high income and prospects of capital gains later.

AMEV Life Assurance has arranged for Framlington Unit Management to take over the investment management of all and Tenvest savings plan are its funds (except the Property already linked to a range of fund).

As Framlington has one of £1,500 and as the yield is com- the most consistently successful petitive with the redemption unit trust performance records, yields on short-dated govern- the news should be welcomed by AMEV policyholders, provided it does not stretch Framlington's investment management capacities too much, which does not seem likely at present.

The deal continues the growing links between the organisations; AMEV's Investment Bond the tax system.

The Equal Opportunities Commission yesterday met the Chancellor of the Exchequer to tell him that they wanted full equality for married women in the tax system in the 1980s. It is the first meeting that the commission had had with Treasury ministers on the sub-ject of sex discrimination in the tax system since the Conserva-It wants a commitment in principle to fundamental reform of

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Actual bids came in for two

gincering. Nor has the stream of good news from companies with September year-ends come to a stor. It was cheer all the way from Westland, McCorquodale, Hollas and Esperanza, but for Thorn the rise in the shares was all

over before it could report confidently late on Friday.

So the week closed at its best and the buying that developed for gilts was enough to mop up both existing tap stocks. rate strategy will become

### Tax worry of a house painter

was recommended to us to do some painting in his spare time. He did the work so conscientiously, that we proceeded to recommend him to neighbours and eventually he did so well that he set up in business on his own as a house painter, taking on employees. Unfortunately, he lacks the skill to cope with the paper work This specialist readers' sergenerated by his business and recently confided to my busband that he is completely out of his depth, and is very worried about his tax position. He desperately needs professional help to straighten out his affairs, but and Eric Brunet. is worried that if he goes to a firm of accountants, they may be under an obligation to years. In any case, a survey is report him to the Inland Revenue. Can you explain briefly the professional duty of an accountant if he discovers that his client has been guilty of tax discrepancies? (R.M., Birmingham)

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You will be doing the young man a service, if you select a competent local accountant and persuade him to make an appointment. Even if there are serious tax discrepancies and the accountant discovers these, he can continue to act for him, provided that he does not there-by become "an accomplice" by assisting in concealing them.

Accountants are not permitted to divulge information gained as a result of advising or acting for a client. However, if the client is guilty of irreguharities, they will advise him how best to approach the Revenue, by way of disclosure and admission, so as to minimize any penalty.

My wife and I let some attice rooms of our home to students and last year had a gross income of about £7000, against expenses of £500. The expenses include by agreement with the Inland Revenue an allowance for rates, heating, lighting and insurance of 25 per cent of my total expenditure on those heads, as calculated by the total proportion of rooms in the house that the students use. A colleague at work now tells me that that same propor-My wife and I let some attic tells me that that same propor-tion, 25 per cent, will apply that their making of the as a taxable part of any capital gain when I sell my house. Given the present inflation of property values, my house may put on E5,000 a year; is it true that I may be taxed on 25 per cent of that—i.e, £1,250 for each year—so giving me a negative return overall? If so, is

my service on the profits of the Seron Motor Group for the Seron Group for the Seron Eron. Fre-tax profits were down applicable only to my wife who died. So my problem is to provide for my wife. I assume that taking out a life policy at my age would not be feasible. Would there be some advantage in taking out a policy for my wife m andowment policy, say, to mature at the age of 55? Incidentally, we have been mattried eight years. (G.B., Leeds).

You are of course, or the Seron Motor Group for the Seron Froup for the Seron Froup for the Seron Froup for the Seron Froup for the Seron Eron. Fre-tax profits were down against 18. The seron of the seron on the seron Eron Front Motor Group for the Seron Froup for the Seron Front F balance of £17,500 is exempt.

The exception concerns lodgers living with the family. In November, 1975, the Inland Revenue issued a press release which states that "where a lodger lives as a member of the owner's family, sharing their living accommodation and taking meals with them, no part of the accommodation is treated as having ceased to be occupied as the owner's casin residence and the exemption will not be restricted at all."

Is it necessary to employ a surveyor when buying a house? Most new houses are sold with structural insurance cover issued by the National House-Building Council for 10



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always carried out by the building society. If their surveyor passes the property as sound, is the purchaser not entitled to assume that there are no serious defects? are no seriou (M.F.O., Ealing).

Where the National House-Building Council 10-year in-surance cover has expired a prospective buyer is wise to amploy a qualified surveyor. Although a full survey is likely to be expensive, many sur-veyors will carry out a limited survey at a modest fee. If the surveyor overlooks a defect, his insurance company will be responsible for the cost of put-ting it right.

ting it right. In law, the building society surveyor owes no legal respon-sibility to the borrower and in fact the society never passes a fact the society never passes a copy of this report to him, even though he is obliged to pay the surveyor's fee. The survey report is for the benefit of the building society and is merely a valuation to ensure that if the house has to be sold, the society will get back the amount of its loan.

In theory, section 30 of the

In theory, section 30 of the Building Societies Act, 1962, lays down that when a member is given an advance to buy a property, the society is deemed in law to give him a warranty that the price he is paying is reasonable. Accordingly, the society is obliged to make arrangements, for an accurate valuation. In practice, this responsibility on the part of the building society is avoided if they inform the borrower that their making of the

I am a pensioned doctor, aged 76 and I have a wife aged 42. I remarked after my retire-ment from the hospital staff tive return overall? If so, is and consequently my wife on there anything I can do except my death will not receive a not replace these students when they leave? (A. D. McC., many years of service on the NHS. Doubtless during those with one exception, where years I contributed towards a

be expensive, at this stage to arrange a whole life policy on your life. As you appreciate, it your life. As you appreciate, it would be cheaper to arrange a policy on the life of your wife (because of her younger age). If, however, you were to die before completing the payments, would she be able to afford to keep up the premiums? They would not cease to be payable at your death.

Perhaps your best plan would be to try to organize your capital to best advantage, bearing in mind that assets can pass by will at your death to your wife free from capital transfer tax. As one example, do you have the index-linked retirement issue of National Savings Savings certificates?
Remember, also that no capital gains tax is payable on assets passing at death.

Stock markets

# Equities firm but gilts hold stage

Equities also made further progress mainly on the back of Government securities and bear closing "rather than any real buyers creeping in.

Dealers reported active trading first thing as buyers still proved anxious to move into gilts following the announcement on Thursday that the long "tap", Treasury 14 per cent 1998-2001, had been exhausted. Attention then switched to the new short "tap" Exchequer 14 per cent 1984, which opened at £96.50 and rose to £971 before closing with a net gain of £3. Indeed buyers proved so keen not to get left behind that the Government broker announced been exhausted. Jobbers were still refusing last night to com-

mit themselves on whether a new stock would be announced next week although most re-mained quietly confident, Rises at the longer end of the market extended to about the market extended to about the and with little evidence of profit taking most finished at their best levels. But after a rather fluctuating performance shorts saw net fall on the day of about the same the same that the same taken the same taken to the same taken taken to the same taken taken

This whole affair seemed to prove too much for equities which seem confused. which seem confused.

After a firm start which saw most shares score gains activity began to trail off around lunch time. They then continued to drift for most of the afternoon only to sparkle again in after hours with the FT Index powering on from being 0.3 up at 3. pm to close 4.4 up at the close. This meant a rise on the week of 21.3 or 5.1 per cent.

spotlight in the market yester-day, helping to end the account blue chips where earlier rises were wittled away to finish unchanged as in the case of ICI at 367p. However, Unilever up 10p to 472p and Glaxe 3p better

> Now that takeover talk has subsided, hopes of sharply higher profits in the year to next June are lending support to Consolidated Gold Fields with the shares up 15p to 435p yesterday. With the gold price now over \$600, analysts are projecting at least a 50 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to per-haps £150m especially as Amey's quarries business is also dome better than feared.

at 462p both continued to make progress as did BAT's at 261p and Pilkington Bros at 213p both with grins of 8p. Hawker Siddeley improved 4p to 190p and Fisons put on 3p to 284p.

Interim figures from Associated Newspapers boosted the share price 16p to 285p and Daily Mail Trust, also report-

at 4620 both continued to make

4p to 80p.
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Further consideration of recent figures from Sotheby
Parke Bernet provided a rise
Holding B improved bp to
15p to 400p while a broker's
Circular strengthened BTR 10p
to 302p.

Shares of Black & Becker
made their debut on the Loning market vesterday with the
330p while renewed talk of a cent figures from Sotheby Parke Bernet provided a rise of 15p to 400p while a broker's circular strengthened BTR 10p

made their debut on the London market yesterday with the shares at £101.
Friedland Deggart was a firm

spot rising 150 to 1260 while news that H. M. Moss had raken a 5 per cent stake lifted Strond Riley 5p to 41p. De La Rue continued to make ground following recent comment im-

proving 20p to 600p.
Electricals had another eventful day with Eurotherm International (reporting next week), jumping 12p to 300p and Kode International, another firm that the same had a similar firm spot, rose by a similar amount to 214p. Thorn were little changed by the announcement of profits more or less in line with expectations edging ahead 2p to 296p while Racal Electronic was 1p firmer

reporting next week rose 6p to

3305 while renewed talk of a takesver lifted Lasmo 27p to

Further progress was repor-ted in Gold with Anglo American Gold leading the way with a \$5 rise to \$90; closely followed by West Driefontein \$1½ up at \$72½ and Kloof \$1

ter at \$251. Equity turnover on January 10, was £101.76m (14.537 bar-10, was £101.76m (14,537 bargains). Active stocks, yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, Marks & Spencer, Lasmo, Vickers, Hanson Trust, Dalgery, Distillers, ICI, Grand Metropolitan Hotels, Shell, First National Finance Corporation, R. T. Z. Plessey, United Dominions Trust and North Kalguri Mines.

#### Latest results

The Trust's final dividend

The valuation of investments

against £46.6m giving a value of 680p per share against 464p.

pany's interest in AN for the 18 months, after extraordinary

items and minorities, is included

in the figures and comparisons

Yesterday AN shares rose 16p

have been restated.

rose 27p to 478p.

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	Company	Em	Profits Em	Earnings per share	Div	llvy	Year's
	Int or Fin Astra 'Ind (I)	4.22(3.95)	0.26(0.42)	0.66(0.94)	0.25(0.24a)	14/3	-(0.782)
	Assoc News (F)	314c(157)	40c(15.5)	63.4c(25.7)	5.95c(3.9)	27,5	12.4:(5.7)
	Grange Trust (F)	-(-)	0.61(0.43)	4.13(2.8)	2.23(1.54)	7,3	3.2(2.4)
1	Heron Motor (I)	65.8(68.7)	1.0(1.8)	1.78(3.6)	<b>0</b> .8(0.8)	_	(2.92)
-	R. H. Lowe (F)	6.63(5.55)	0.42(0.49)	7.99(7.32)	1.5(1.5a)	3/4	2.17a(2.17a)
	Ley's Foundries (F)	42.92(39.35)	0.16b(1.18)	5.05(4.79)	3.25(3.25)	1/4	4.3(4.3)
	Owen & R. (1)	0.53(0.51)	0.01(0.01)	<del>-(-)</del>	6.0(6.0)	6/2	<b>—(16)</b>
	Thorn Elec (1)	617(581)	51.3(54.3)	22(25.1)	4.05(3.6)	23/3	<b>—(13)</b>
1	Sidlaw Inde (F)	40.05(3R.68)	Q.87(1.01)	12.61(16.76)	5.22(5.22)	17/3	6.72(6.72)
	Piccadfilly Th'tre (F)	0.18d(0.15)	D. 1 Rat 0.07 1	7.2d(4.0)	1.5d(1.78)	28/2	1.5d(1.78)
- 1	Vita-Tex (I)	5.97(4.04)	0.75(0.35)	-()	<del>()</del>	_	-(4.6)
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### **Optimism at Thorn** despite strike loss

cost Thorn Electrical Industries around 23m, left first balf profits slightly down on last

However, a confident statement accompanying the interim figures helped to support the

share price which ended the day 2p higher at 296p. In the six months to September 30, 1979, the last accounting period before the inclusion of results from recently takenover EMI, pretax profits dipped from a previous £54.3m to £51.3m. Turnover in the period rose six per cent to £617m with the entire increase coming

from the home market.

The shortfall in the first half resulted from the engineering strike and the strength of the pound which damaged the export prospects of the lighting division. Overseas turnover, which includes exports, was down on the same period last down on the same period last year. However, the directors report that the overall decrease in profits has already been made up and provided the final quarter is not affected by strikes Thorn ought to beat last year's annual profit figure of £118m.

Margins on colour televisions, which have always been a prob-lem, are continuing to be almost non-existent. But at the smaller end of the range the introduc-tion of a new chassis and the subsequent reduction in the labour force has reduced costs and widened margins. The group apricipates expanding this new production process into the larger sets in the cur-



Sir Richard Cave, chairman of Thorn Electrical Industries.

are down in the first half, the wealth of take-overs in the second six months has increased Thorn's borrowings dramatic-ally. Excluding the EMI merger, Thorn spent £60m on other companies. Taking in the cash spent on the EMI bid and MI's borrowings, Thorn's total borrowings are now standing at around £300m which increases the group's gearing to around 50 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The interim dividend has been raised by 12 per cent to 5.8p gross. A similar increase at the year end to a total of 21p would give the shares, at 296n, a yield of 7.1 per cent.

The terms for the EMI 8; per cent convertible unsecured Joan stock 1981 are 15.87 ordinary shares and 32.87 7 per cent convertible redeemable second cumularive preference shares 1992/1999 of Thorn for £100 nominal of EMI

### Assoc Newspapers tops £39m

The effect of this is to in-

crease turnover by £21.2m and

earnings from terading by £4m

in respect of the three months

to March 31. For the 18 months

to September 30 group turnover

was £292.9m and trading earnings were £28.7m.

City sources estimated profits for the last 12 months at about

£26m. This represents a signifi-

cant increase over the previous

The important contributor was Blackfriars Oil which holds 12}

per cent of each of two North Sea blocks in the Argyle Field.

Associated's board declared a

months accounting period.

Associated Newspepers pretax profits were £39.9m for the 18 months to the end of September. Results for the Daily Mail and General Trust, which controls 49 per cent of Associated, show profits of £11.7m. Comparisons with previous

years are confused by the change in accounting period from a March year-end to a September year-end. The last annual figures were £15.5m and

f4.31m respectively.

The forumes of Associated Newspapers, which apart from the Daily Mail and London Evening News, has interests in North Sea oil, restaurants, represents and apprents. transport and property, are further complicated by the fact that some of the principal

pressure on margins continuing, year end profits are likely to be considerably less than the 1979 £3.52m.

BURGE AND CO

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investment company. D. C. THOMSON

BRUNNER TRUST

final dividend of 8.5p gross on earnings per share of all the group's companies over their

its subsidiaries for £502,000 payable-in cash and £440,000 to be paid on completion—balance being deferred for one year.

VITA-TEX Turnover for six months to October 31, £5.97m (£4.04m). Pre-tax profit more than doubled to £757,000 (against £351.000). In context of offer from British Vita. interim dividend (against 2.38p gross). First-half's results should not be taken as indication of full-year's outcome.

#### Briefly

ASTRA INDUSTRIAL GROUP Turnover for half-year to October 31, £4.22m (£3.95m). Pre-tax profit, £262,000 (£426,000). Interim dividend, 0.35p gross (against equivalent of 0.36p). "Every effort is being made to recoup the difference in profit compared with last year", the board remores. The Loudon firm of stock-brokers Burge and Co is to cease trading after 114 years. Rising costs are given as the principal reason for closing. During the last two years the firm has been sub-ject to one of the longest Stock Exchange inquiries. board reports.

LEY'S FOUNDRIES LAT'S POUNDRIES
Turnover for year to September
30 up from £39.36m to £42.92m.
Pre-tax loss of £160,000, against
profit of £1.18m. Tax credit of
£747,000, against charge of
£631,000. Total dividend, gross,
6.14p, against 6.41p.

OWEN & ROBINSON
Turnover for half-year to Novmober 30 up from £517,000 to
£554,000. Pre-tax profit, £11,000
(£12,000).

MINORCO
Anglo American and De Reers
have sold shares in Minorco they
acquired through the reorganization last year of Charter Consolidated. The shares were placed at
\$6.10, or the sterling equivalent,
through stockbrokers, Rowe and
Pitman and Wood Gundy, a Canadian firm. At the time of the
reorganization last October, Anglo
and De Beers warned that they
would sell their Minorco shares
to widen ownership of the Bermuda-based mine-management and
investment company. TURNOVER for nine months to September 30, £188,000 (£157,000 for yes?). Pre-tax profit, £131,000 (£77,000). Dividend, 2.14p gross (2.54p).

Trading profit for year to March 31, 1979, up from £3.21m to £5.43m. Investment income, £3.25m (£2.76m). Income, after tax, £3.94m (£2.72m). Total gross dividend, \$2.14p (28.47p). Stock Exchange proposals for more furnel regulation of air inlisted securities market is atmacting widespread interest said SE chairman, Mr Nicholas Goodison. There has been an encouraging response from outside the financial institutions including accountants, solicitors and other professional advisors, as well as from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, added Mr Goodison. UNLISTED SECURITIES Smilight Service has bought the linen hire group of Hubert Parker (Interests) and three of

Aran acquires Irish Oil

#### Milford board changes rejected Milford Docks shareholders trading subsidiaries extended different periods of 63.4p. Divi-their financial years to 21 dends from Associated News-months to bring them into line. papers in the Daily Mail Trust The effect of this is to in-

threw out proposals to change board membership put forward by a dissident group of share-bolders who claimed to repre-sent 27 per cent of Milford's shares at an EGM yesterday. Nearly 700 shareholders voted against Scanoil's recom-mendations which included the amounts to 22.5p gross making a total of 43p for the period or 18.4p for the twelve months. Earnings per share rose from 17.9p to 35.1p.

replacement of two existing board members as part of a plan to improve the company's in the Trust came to £68.8m return on capital.

AN is now an associated com-pany and the proportion of profits attributable to the com-Mr Charles Smith, chairman, said after the meeting that it was encouraging that the share-holders had so convincingly demonstrated their confidence in the board's handling of the company's affairs. The figures show that fewer than 30 individuals added their votes to viduals added their votes to those lodged by Scanoil to to 285p and the trust shares requisition the meeting ",

### Sidlaw 12pc down

The strength of the pound place over the next six weeks, and an increase in carpet im- will be borne in the current ports from America have hit period. full-year profits at Dundee textiles group Sidlsw Industries. Following halved pretax from 56 profits at the interim stage the Sir John

group managed to recover some of the lost ground in the second six months leaving full year profits only 12 per cent down at £878,000 for the period to September 29, 1979, against a previous £1m. Turnover rose marginally from £38m to £40m.

However, the group is by no means out of the wood yet and the chairman, Sir John Car-michael, announced 300 redun-dancies out of a workforce of 2,200 on the textile side. One mill has been closed and another has undergone a major rationalization in an attempt to reduce overheads. The costs of

The results interest charges have risen from £623,000 to £792,000 but Sir John reports that the level of borrowings is not substantially different from that of last year. The previous accounts show net overdrafts of £3.4m. In the current year the pros-

pects for the oil services division—which marked time last year with a trading profit of film-and the hotels subsidiary Skean Dhu are excellent. The hardware business P. & R. Flaming has been sold off and the terminal costs amounted to around £250,000, taken as an extraordinary item below the line.

For shareholders there is a reduce overheads. The costs of reduced final dividend of 7.4p the lay-offs, which will take gross giving a same again total.

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### ing Aran, Estuary and national Co-operative interests. The board says that, while it is true that discussion between Aran and Co-operative organizations have taken place, the Aran-Estuary merger is separate from and independent of any Trust you could benefit from rising oil prices in 1980.

Du Pont Canada Du Pont Canada, which enjoyed a "vintage year" in 1979, expects to report earnings for the period "well in excess of \$6 a share" and a 30 per cent climb in sales to about \$875m. Mr J. Edward Newall, chairman, president, and chief executive officer, said.

such reported arrangements.

Estuary development may be part of a wider scheme involv-

However, Mr Newall and Mr Bonald Ivison, vice-president and chief financial officer, noted " plateau " in fourth-quarter ales and earnings indicating product prices,

Aran Energy has acquired Estuary Fuel, an Irish oil Importation and distribution company based on the Shanton Estuary. Some recent reports have suggested that the Aran-Return deal arms to be a suggested that the Aran-Return deal arms to be a suggested that the Aran-Return deal arms to be a suggested that the Aran-Return deal arms to be a suggested to b Despite a "good quarter" in the final period of 1979 they fully expect lower earnings in 1980.

Dutch paper group Koninklijke Nederlandse Papieriabrieken (KNP), one of

western Europe's largest white operating profit last year was slightly lower than the 13.8m florins reported in 1978.

#### International

The board gave no estimate of its net profit for the year just concluded. In 1978 the company closed with a 4m florin

Group turnover rose about 15 per cent last year to about 945m florins. Despite this increase, operating income fell back as increases in raw material and energy costs could only be partially passed through into

#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

### Rise of 12pc worldwide at Colonial Mutual

Last year new sums assured on a worldwide basis by the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society of Australia expanded by 12 per cent to £1.852m.

In the United Kingdom, Colonial's life assurance business produced new premiums of £6.51m, a rise of 25 per cent on 1978. Included in this are single premiums of £202,000—more than double 1978's £65.000.

New sums assured rose by 39 per cent to £936m, while new annuities per annum grew by

#### New Life **Business**

two per cent to £1.47m. As far as United Kingdom pensions business is concerned, new premiums fell by 15 per cent to £4.42m. Included in this are single premiums of £3.02m, which is a rise of 59 per cent. These pension figures follows. These pension figures follow a rise of 165 per cent in premium income in 1978 over 1977.

IMPERIAL LIFE Following a 29 per cent rise Following a 29 per cent rise in new annual premium life business and a 44 per cent increase in upit-linked life business premiums in the United Kingdom in 1978, the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada hos had another successive the company of Canada hos had another successive the company of the company of the company of Canada hos had another successive the company of the Ecsaful year in 1979. New annual premium business has risen to £5.27m, ugaiust £4.6m in 1978.

PROVIDENT MUTUAL After producing an outstanding growth of 60 per cent in new annual premiums in 1978, Provident Mutual Life has continued to expand its new business in all main sectors in 1979. Aggregate new annual premiums of £25.0m are reported for 1979, an increase of 16. per cent,

#### **Options**

Traded options burst back into life yesterday spurred on by the enthusiasm enveloping the remainder of the market.
Total contracts surged ahead
from Thursduy's figure of 441
to 1,007 the highest figure since
November 28.

Business was fairly well spread with Cons Gold, still proving popular, attracting 115 contracts and Land Securities

The story was much the same smong traditional options following deceleration day on Thursday. Interest continued to be expressed in Lonbro and First National Finance 9; per cent loan while calls were also made in George Ewer, UDT and Howard Tenens. Doubles were completed in Town & City and

#### Hypermarket contract

Boyis Construction has won a £8.5m management contract for the building of a SavaCentre hypermarker at Cacot, Berkshire. Turriff Corporation is to build a £2.2m Compressor station for British Gas at Wisherh Cambridgeshire. The combech, Cambridgeshirs. The com-pany will undertake the civil, mechanical, electrical and instrumentation works.

### Waiver from sanctions

Japan has asked America for Japan has asked America for a waiver from economic sanctions against Iran for a Japanese-Iranian petrochemical project promoted by the Japanese business group Mitsui. The large petrochemical complex in Bandar-Khoemir in Iran is 85 per cent completed.

### Bank Base Rates

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### Wall Street

New York, Jan 11.—Stock prices ended mixed on Friday in trading that slowed markedly from Thursday's pace during the

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.43 to 888.53. It had been off five points in the afternoon and up nearly that much in the morning.

New York stock exchance volume was a healthy 52,890,000 shares, down from 55,980,000 on

shares, down from \$5,980,000 on Thursday.

Analysts feel the marekt has been acting well recently and the downurs, while partially because of the approach of the weekend "could also show the market had gone ahead of itself," one analyst

Despite the heavy trading recently and the large blocks, some dealers say the pent-up buving power of the institutions still has not been satisfied.

has not been satisfied.

But the battle against inflation and recession is still far from being won, says Mr Fred Kalkstein, of Elkins, Stroud Suplee & Co. He adds that "flare-ups on the international scene will inflate the budget deficit, and the deteriorating geopolitical situation will have a negative effect on the bond market, making it more difficult for the Administration to soften a recession by cutting taxes,"

Because of transmission difficulties not all closing prices were available.

COFFEE.—Futures closed a moderately 13.60c; luty, 13.37c; Sent, 115.00c, active session in 3.7c to 3.50c in nearby. Thinly traded forwards active meaning. Thinly traded forwards active march, 40c cent limit. March, 102.75c-185.35c; May, 185.75c-181.00c; 185.75c-185.50c; May, 175.76c-181.00c; March, 181.50c; May, 179.00c;



#### **Commodities**

#### Discount market

Huge sales of gilts, chiefly the result of the running dry on Thursday of the long "tap" in treasury 14 per cent 1998/2001, brought unrelentingly tight credit conditions to Lombard Street yesterday. To refleve this situation, the Bank of England was called upon to provide help on an extremely large scale to the discount houses.

dircount houses.

This assistance included a large element of Treasury bills, bought both from discount houses and both from discount houses and from banks with some of the fills taken under agreement for resale at a future date. There was also a small element of local authority bills, these again purchased both ways with some on a resale basis. The whole was topped up with moderate MLR loans to four or five houses for repayment on Tuesday.

Rates nominally opened around 161 per cent and 17 per cent, but to all lutents and purposes they were stuck on 17 per cent throughout, very few leaders being cajoied unto the market even at that level.

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#### **Money Market** Foreign exchange report Rates Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 37% (Last changed 13 14/7). (Last changed 13 14/7). (Centring Bank Base Rate 17% Discount Mit Launs / Discount Mit Launs / Weekend Righ 17. Lev 16 Work Fized: 17-10%

Exchange rate held pretty steady throughout a fairly slack day on currency markets yesterday on currency markets yester-day. Initially, the dollar strengthened against all major European centres following en-couraging United States money supply data, but failed to hold best levels. Sterling was additionally helped by news of Kuwait's inten-tions to reduce oil production by as much as a quarter by April.

Sterling, down almost three-quarters of a cent at the outset, closed at 2.2575 for a net fall of 20 points. The effective exchange rate index closed 0.1 up of 20 points. The effective exchange rate index closed 0.1 up at 71.0.

In terms of the dollar German marks eased from 1.7165 to 1.7215, Swiss Iranes dipped from 1.5775 to 1.58275, and French francs softened from 4.0170 to 4.02975. The Japanese yen declined from 235.70 to 235.90.

### Sterling Spot and Forward



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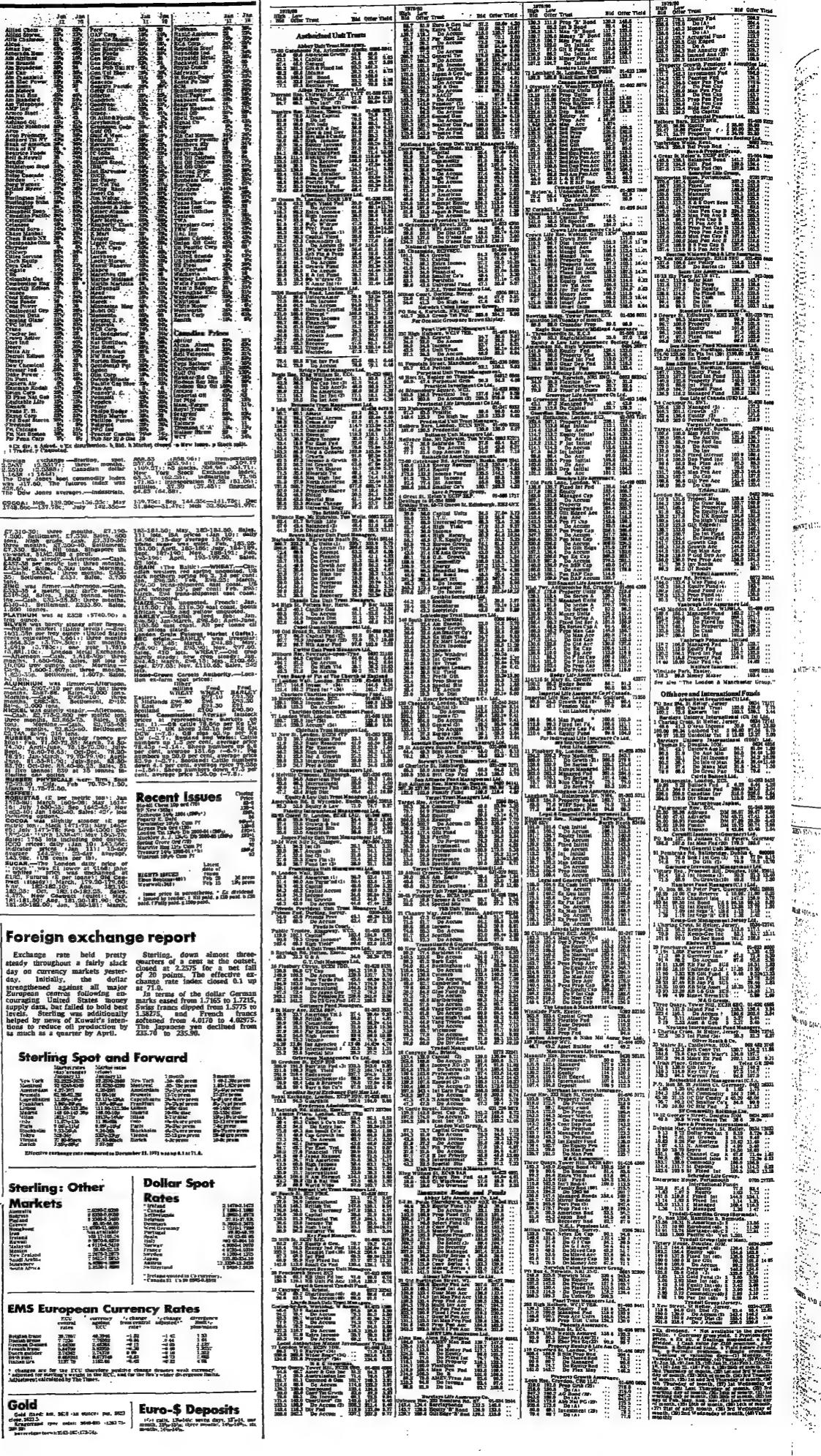
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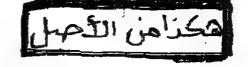
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Silvery "space man" snow suit in quilt-lined nylon, for ages 2 and 3 years £8.40 from larger Babyboots. Acrylic blue and white mitts £1.15 and bright red lined wellies in all children's sizes, from £1.40 for size 4 by

Photograph by Anthea Sieveking

a striped border in Olympic When Annie Tredinnickwent to Lake Placid in upstate
New York in 1978, the shops Tredinnick blue, scarlet and yellow, with the British Olympic emblem in one corner. If you are a keen sports fan, the idea of buying something arrective and sup-porting the British team at the same time has an obvious appeal. And if you aren't feel-ing particularly sports you can there were so full to bursting with such attractive Olympic sportswear that she approached the British Olympic Committee and asked permission to bring some of the designs over here

for the next Games.

Permission was granted, but she had to act through an agent and the basic cost of the ngent and the basic cost of the garments began to rise out of all proportion to their value. But Annie who, at 27 is as determined as she is attractive, was not to be put off. She decided to design them herself.

"I wanted people to be able to take part in skiing and sport rheaply, without lots of expectcheaply, without lots of expensive special gear, but still with style, so I designed garments that would have a dual purpose and would look just as attractive for tennis as for skiing.

"I also wanted to have one item that would bring in some money for the British Olympic team, so I asked Cornelia James who designed the Queen's jubilee scarf, to do one for me. We are the only people producing an Olympic scarf and every time anyone buys one, 30p goes to the team."

The scarf, 27 inches square in polyester with the feel of crepe de chine, is in white with

Petworth, West Sussex GU28. The other items in the Importios Sportswear range are a white V neck cotton pullover with a fleecy lining, T shirt, sweatshirt, bobble hat, racing hat and ski gaiters, all in white with five colour design, a navy T shirt with white stripe and ski-man and a navy holdall. Prices range from £2.45 plus 35p postage for a Child's T shirt, to £9.50 plus 80p for the fleecy lined pullover in sizes from small to extra large. A colour brochure is available if you send a stamped addressed envelope to Importios, who will supply everything by mail order. The range is also avail-able from Pindisports, 13 Brompton Accade, Knights-bridge, London SW3.

colours, black, green, royal blue, scarlet and yellow, with

ing particularly sporty you can always fold the emblem in and

you have an attractive scarf whose colours will go with al-

most anything. It costs £4.95, plus 30p postage from Impor-tios, P.O. Box 5, 35 East Street,

If the traditional Guerasey water worn by fishermen is guernsey address. Sample your favourite cold weather prices are £6.72 for the 22 inch. E14.84 for 36 inch. £14.45 for authentic version than those authentic version than those made actually on that island. These prices include VAT, which is not applicable in Road, St Peter's Port, Guernsey, have specialized in these sweaters for 15 years and their prices are very competitive. sweater worn by fishermen is your favourite cold weather wear, you couldn't get a more authentic version than those have specialized in these sweaters for 15 years and their prices are very competitive.

They are made in an in-dustrial yarn which is the equivalent of a 5 ply worsted hand knitting yarn and the hand knitting yarn and the range has been extended to 10 colours although navy is, of course, the most popular. Sizes are from a child's 22 inch to a

man's 54 inch. Chandleries throughout the country sell Le Tricoteur, but you can also obtain them by

mail order direct from their

The last word on my Christmas present competition is from Mr Paul Griffiths of St Neots, Huntingdon He writes; Beryl Downing's Shoparound column calls to mind a family discussion about what to send a friend "who has everything" for his birthday. My then teen age daughter begging letter. daughter

wellies in the theye that height would reduce the effect of a waterproofed plum pudding with legs. They kept my feet dry, but made me skid about in a highly suspect manner, so I have now abandoned the unequal struggle, as I have noticed that the only people who look smart in really cold weather are ski instructors, provided they are on skis, and anyone tall enough to wear a wolf jacket.

The people who really know about keeping out of the cold and wet are sailors, so I went It must be tremendous fun to work at the Meteological Office. Life there Meteoropatently imprecise, variable, subject to unexpected bouts of high pressure. I thought it was stuffed full of earnest scientists, and wet are sailors, so I went wallowing about in deep depressions, but I find some depart-

ments are populated with per-sons of great resourcefulness, positively defying a scattered wintry shower to surprise them. My question, I thought in-nocently, was simple: which is normally the coldest week in Britain and has the pattern changed during the past 10

years? Would I write in, asked the climatological department, con-firming my worst earnest scien-tist suspicions. Not unless they a first-class pigeon post which would produce an answer by this afternoon, I said. They would transfer me to the department that deals with rends, they replied.
\*You are The Times of Lon-

don?" queried the voice from the trendy outer reaches of deepest Berkshire, obviously more accustomed to communications from Reykjavik. I repeated my question, adding hopefully that they presumably knew which was the wettest time of year, so which was the coldest?

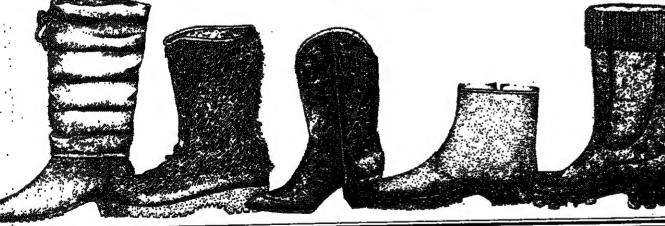
"Meteorology", reprimanded the voice, "is not a precise science. Some weeks which are science. Some weeks which are the wettest one year might be the driest the next." Oh, the unpredictability, the excitement of it all. I was almost disappointed when an extremely ogreeable voice belonging to one of the Persons of Great Resourcefulness of whom I spoke, telephoned later the same afternoon.

As I had seked an impossible

As I had asked an impossible question, I had been passed to him, he said. The answer was that since 1826 the coldest week of the year had been around the second week of January, the one that centred on the seventh, but could vary between the end of November and the end of March. There was no evidence to suggest any change in this pattern. this pattern.

Then the weather is t foul, a city is the worst place to be. In the country you can clump around in your warm woollies without feeling anything more than cuddly. In town, you have the choice of





Top left-left to right: Light weight balaclava in pure silk to wear under other headgear. Designed for skiing or motor cycling but is protectively warm under any headgear. 24.75 from Liftywhites. Piccadilly Circus. London, W.1. Child's blue and white bobble hat in double layer acrylic, £1.15 with matching mittens (shown with the silver snow sult), £1. Both from Mothercare branches. Wool balaciava in red or navy, rolls into a cap. £4.80, from Captain O. M. Watts. Albemarie Street, London, W.1. Centre left : Oiled wool whaler weater in ecru, navy, or blue grey, £18.50, from Captain O. M. Watts, 45 Albemarie Street, London. W.1. Ultimate Wayfaring Vest in quilted hollofil lylon is very light but warm. £26.95, from Pindisports, Holborn, London. E.C.1. and branches in Acton, Croydon, Birmingham, Bristol, Carbridge, and Beading. Cambridge and Reading.

Cambridge and Heading.

Above: All these boots were made for walking in the wet. From left: bright red PVC with nylor quilted legs, £18.99. Also in navy, brown, black and beigg from Russell and Bromley branches; brown ponyskin boots with warm word linings. £28 from with warm wool linings, \$28 from Alpine Sports in Holborn, Brompton Road, Nothing Hill Gate, and London and Western Road, Brighton; PVC cowgirl boots in brown, taupe, burgundy, rust or red, £18.39 from Russell and Bromley branches: man's short boot in black leather with furry linings, £31.95, from Lillywhites, Piòcadilly Circus, London, W1 sturdy, lined wellie in county-set green, £25.50, from Harrods.

Delicately brought up as I was, I find it very difficult to call a vest a vest. It really is an extremely unauractive word an extremely unattractive word and can only seriously be ap-plied to those string things which are apparently indispen-sable on a building site, but which are a terrible turn off when lurking, only half con-cealed, beneath a nylon shirt.

But a vest by any other name is a vest by any other name is much more acceptable. Call it a camisole and you immediately have an image of the nicest possible indiscretion. Must come from all the un-burtoning that ladies who originally wore camisoles had to

I am not a vest wearer, being much too round already to entertain the idea of adding a single extra centimetre to the basic contour. But a slim friend who feels the cold terribly is a connoisseur of skin insulation and she warns me that acrylics, although soft, are simply not warm enough. You must have a high percentage of wool, she says, pointing me firmly in the direction of Marks and Spencer.

They do two very pretty has a horseshoe neck and built cashmere is available up shoulder. They are very selected stores only.

33 per cent nylon, with a deli-cate punched design and both come in sizes 34/36in and 38/42in at £1.90. In white only, they are available at main Marks and Spencer branches.

If you prefer the sensuous feel of silk next to your skin, Lux Lux do a real silk horseshoe top at 55.25, with marching briefs at the same price. In cream or black, they are available from Dickins and Jones, Regent Street, London, W.I. A new longer style vest and pants from the same collection will be in the shops soon.

For those who do not want to wear a vest, the alternative is to put extra layers on top and there is no doubt that cashmere is very much warmer than lambswool. Devotees will already know that the best value in cashmere is at Marks and Spencer (not necessarily the cheapest, but the best quality at the price). Ladies' cardigans come in navy, camel or black, sizes 12 to 18 at £30, but I actually prefer the men's version, which is longer and with pockets, Professor Higgins-style, in grey, natural, styles. One has a lacy camisole light blue or navy, sizes 38in top and ribbed waist. The other to 44in at £40. Sr Michael

fine in 67 per cent wool and The best thing that ever har pened to winter wear for small children was the zip-up one-piece. Toddlers do seem to spend most of their time falling down or being pushed, parti-cularly in mud or snow, and a garment that has no gaps between top and trousers is per-

fect protection. Baby Boots have an attractive snow suit in quilt-lined nylon with a new silvery finish which should appeal particularly to incipient space persons, £8.40, incipient space persons, 25.40, and Mothercare do a range of snowsuits in various fabrics. I like their bright green nylon quilt-lined suit with a navy yoke and pile lined bood which costs £8.75 for the 80cm and 90cm lengths and £9.35 for 100cm and 110cm.

They also have an appealing fleecy pram suit with turn back mitts and scarlet trimmed bood. As the rest of the suit is white, most babies will be perverse enough to be sick all over it, but it is in soft acrylic and polyester, so washing is no problem and the effort will be rewarded by all the oohs and aahs of admiring relations. 70cm, £3.65. Available from Monhercare branches or, with 10p per £ postage, from Mothercare-by-Post, PO Box 145, Watford, Herrs, WD2 5SH.



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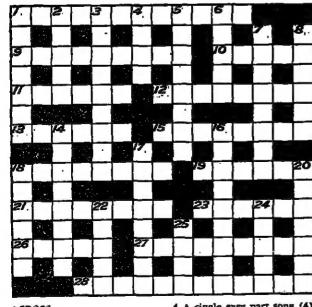
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10 Alrmen are powerless to do it (5).

11 Nothing to spare, possibly, for entertainments (6).

12 Printer's beginning with articles on a temple (8).

13 Attacking speech one got in exchange (6).

15 Assembly for study gets

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17 Hero's evergreen address to beloved (8).

18 Medicinal decoction mixed in East (6).

19 Splendid supporter in the field (4, 3).

turned empty of late (8).

Little quarrel about a red leader in the list (6).

He died dramatically, taking drink on board with a chap (8).

Luminary's head turned by this Russian VIP (4).

(8).
23 Composer heard from Goethe? (6).
26 Domestic job for girl in Empire State (5). 27 Press dial for scatter effect

28 Hamlet's mother found his rebuke so agonizing (5-7).

2 Plunder loaded ? (5).

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4 A single easy part song (4).
5 Late leaver? (8).
6 Just panic, losing head (5).
7 Learned people settled form of a rite (8).
8 Sitting with an Irishman before church (6).
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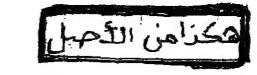
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